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Frank I. Hamilton

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That's a legitimate question and the easiest answer is, of course, the obvious: our organization's constitution forbids such action. Article II, section 2, states: "The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment."

Should there be a question as to exactly what is meant by the terms "nonpolitical" and "nonpartisan," I'll explain. The Legion is nonpolitical in the sense that we will endorse neither an individual candidate nor a political party. We will not support a political hopeful or political party by donating Legion money or by lending our manpower.

The Legion is nonpartisan in the sense that we give or deny our sup-

port to legislation and Congressional action without regard for the political party of the sponsor, but rather our acts are based solely on each proposal's merits. We do business with both sides of the political fence. We make our views known to the President regardless of his political persuasion. We have frequently praised the chief executive for his stand on one issue and then taken him to task when we considered his actions ill considered or not in the best interest of the nation.

Our 61-year history has shown time and again the wisdom of such an official stance. That's what I want to talk about here.

Though we are nonpartisan and nonpolitical, The American Legion is far from impotent. We have survived when other organizations have passed away, and we have been able to accomplish great things for veterans and their families because we would not allow ourselves to be divided by partisan issues. Rather, we have prudently chosen to make our political influence felt by fully employing the "one-man, one-vote" concept of government.

Each of us is a veteran who served in time of war. We served then not as Democrats or Republicans or as members of any other political faction. We served as Americans—as private citizens answering the highest call of citizenship.

Likewise, those of us who later entered the political arena as candi-

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dates—or as active campaigners for particular candidates—did so as private citizens only, not as Legionnaires. By following this course of action, we have prevented the Legion from being used by either major political party for partisan purposes or by influential Legionnaires who might seek to deliver Legion influence or votes for a particular cause.

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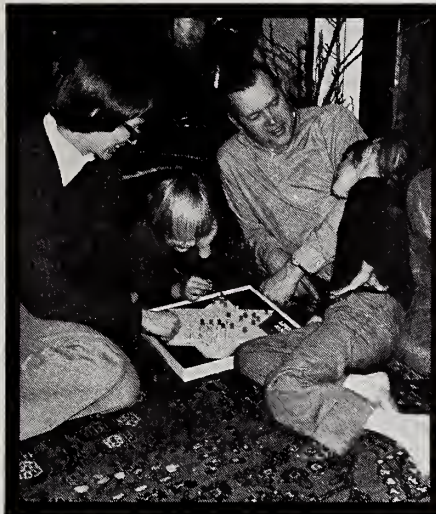
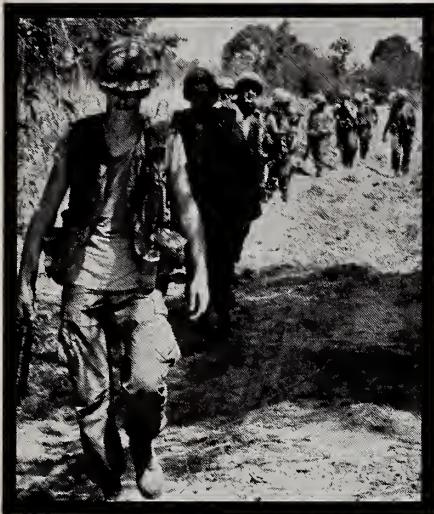
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35-44	41,400.00	36,225.00	31,050.00	25,875.00	20,700.00	15,525.00	10,350.00	5,175.00
45-54	20,240.00	17,710.00	15,180.00	12,650.00	10,120.00	7,590.00	5,060.00	2,530.00
55-59	11,040.00	9,660.00	8,280.00	6,900.00	5,520.00	4,140.00	2,760.00	1,380.00
60-64	7,360.00	6,440.00	5,520.00	4,600.00	3,680.00	2,760.00	1,840.00	920.00
65-69	4,600.00	4,025.00	3,450.00	2,875.00	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,150.00	575.00
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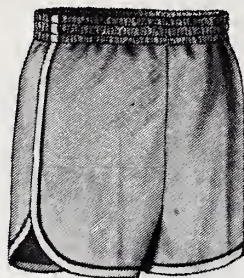
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Letters

Blood

• As a veteran and a medical technologist, I was very impressed with "Blood: A Shortage More Vital Than Oil" (February). I urge all fellow Legionnaires to become active in their local Post blood donor programs.

ARTHUR C. STAFFORD
Painesville, OH

Strike Terror!

• Thank you for the article "Strike Terror!" (February.) The facts contained should be of concern to all citizens. We can help our nation get on top of the terrorist and subversion problems by writing to our individual Congressmen requesting that they join as cosponsors of HR48 to reconstitute the House Committee on International Security.

LESLIE M. WARD
Sequim, WA

This and That

• You are to be commended for the "Commander's Message" (January). We must *now* launch a grass-roots campaign across the nation, involving every member of every Post, to generate a ground swell of support that will have every American Legion member in every state demanding of every Senator and Congressman that they vote to increase our nation's armaments. Further, we must encourage each Post to provide leadership to their individual areas in this endeavor. They can, and must, enlist the assistance and support of the citizens of every town and community urging them to join with us in this most important project.

RAY MATTOX
Winter Haven, FL

• Most Legionnaires wholeheartedly approve of all facets of the Commander's Message, "America's Quest in the '80s" (January). My further thought is to suggest a much wider field in our efforts to sustain firm preparedness of the United States in

its current foreign policy stalemate. We have lost our forcefulness around the world. A few men in governmental areas who have lived through the rough times of WWII and the Korean Conflict have spoken out freely in Washington. Their voices have been drowned by those "new world outlook" thinkers who believe we should extend the olive branch even if we are burned repeatedly. We have been unprepared for every national emergency. Suddenly we find that most Americans who fought in our wars were *right*—they warned of Russia's objectives. How many times must we be hit on the head before we develop a national consciousness to warn us that extending a hand to world revolutionaries is not the same as providing needed aid to Third World nations? All Americans should pray that we have the strength to maintain the greatest experiment in freedom the world has seen. We have much to protect.

EDMUND NORTHRUP MOOT
Schenectady, NY

• There is no need for a registration or draft! If men and women can pass a military physical, up to age 60, these men and women should be allowed to re-up or enlist. You know, very few old men get killed in war, it's just the young ones. Perhaps we are killing the wrong end of the crop...

M. E. BRYANT
Coulee Dam, WA

• The Commander's Message (March) should have stated that Kennedy met with Khrushchev in Vienna, not Vietnam.

MARGARET LAZARUS
Tivoli, NY

News to Use

• As a realtor and a Legionnaire I was disappointed in the article "Valuable Advice for the Money-wise" (December). I have been a realtor for 34 years and I can assure you that the commissions received are not all profit. In fact, net income on gross business at the end of any year is one of the smallest profit percentages in business generally.

CURTIS H. NELSON
 Fargo, ND

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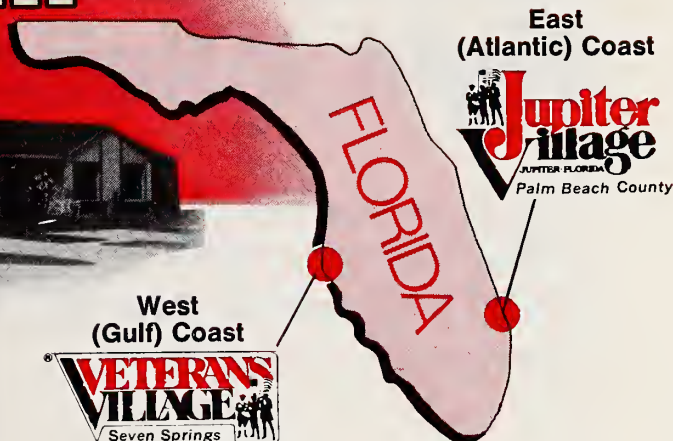
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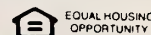
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Investments That Fight Inflation

Despite double-digit inflation, the small investor can make a profit and build a portfolio if he heeds these investment rules

By Mark Metcalf

Investing one's money can be a chancy proposition under the best of circumstances. It becomes doubly hard when inflation and a lagging economy have to be considered in every money-management decision.

Recessionary trends now showing up in key industries complicate the problem of putting cash to work in stocks, bonds or other areas affected by the business cycle.

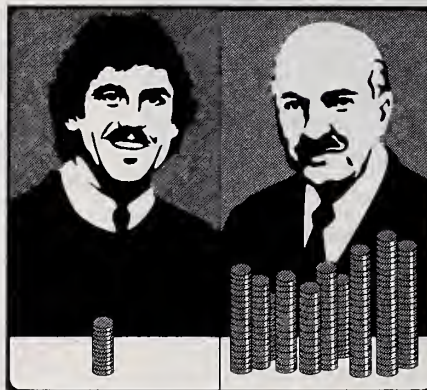
At the same time, today's lofty rate of inflation is prompting many people to take risks with their savings. Some hope that a quick fling in a fast-moving stock, a speculative plunge into commodity trading, or the purchase of "collectibles" enjoying a fad will help bail out family finances and keep them a jump ahead of rising prices.

Reputable financial counselors point out, however, that there is no foolproof way to make money in securities or in any other kind of investment. All carry some degree of risk.

Even the soundest of stocks, for example, can get clobbered when the market is buffeted by a broad decline.

The return on bonds and other fixed-income securities is eroded by upward-spiraling prices, and such investments offer little chance for price appreciation.

Investments in tangible objects such as antiques, paintings, stamps, coins, diamonds, oriental rugs and similar goods may or may not pay



The small investments made when one is young have the potential of growing to a considerable sum by retirement age.

Trying to "buy it low and sell it high" only compounds chances for error. That's not investing, that's gambling.

off, depending on market conditions and on sometimes-fickle public taste.

Money put into rental property, farmland or commercial real estate, widely touted as an almost "depression-proof" type of investment in recent years, depends for a payoff on good location, money rates and tax factors. Investments in vacation property can be affected by any new pinches on the supply of gasoline

available to tourists and pleasure travelers.

In the face of all these hazards, the typical investor can be forgiven for wondering whether there are any really secure havens for spare cash, or if there are ways to hedge against inflation without jeopardizing hard-earned savings.

The answer from money-management authorities is this: There are common-sense rules that apply to sound investing in an inflationary environment. While the seven principles that follow will not automatically assure success, they point the way to better-than-average results. Properly applied, they can help offset the loss of purchasing power that affects everyone in today's society.

Set up long-range investment goals.

"Having a financial plan and holding to it is just as essential as having a blueprint for building a good house or creating a successful business," says David T. Wendell, a Maine investment counselor. While the advice is sound under any circumstances, it is especially important in a period when the soaring cost of living may tempt the unwary to move from true investment into rank speculation.

In setting goals, every investor needs to realize that his own objective may be far different from that of friends or neighbors—the widow down the street, a golf partner, a young relative just starting out on a business career. These questions may arise: is the aim of a family investment program to educate

children 10 to 15 years from now, to supplement money from Social Security or a private retirement pension, to provide a nest egg for travel or for leisure activities, or what? Age, temperament, income level and tax bracket all can be important. Lucien Hooper, a New York security analyst and stock market commentator, advises: "Save a given amount every month, whether you feel you can afford to do it or not."

That comment is echoed by Venita VanCaspel, president of a Houston, TX brokerage firm, who counsels, "Pay yourself first. If you are like so many others, you've put yourself at the end of the line, trying to save what's left over out of your income. If you were to save one-tenth of all you earned, and did this for 10 years, you'd have a whole year's salary at one time. And that's not all, for you'd have put this cash to work and before long you'd have far more money working for you."

Provide basic family protection before making other investments.

Such protection should include these essentials:

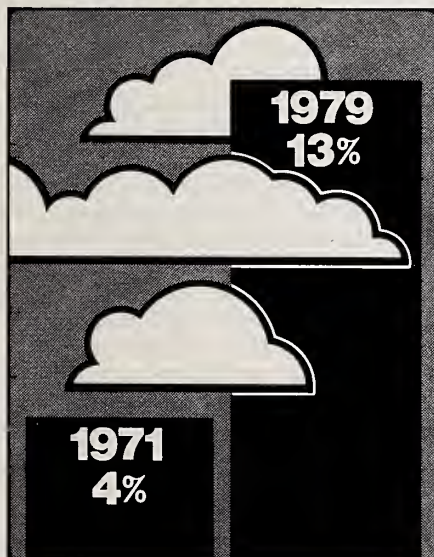
- *Adequate life insurance on the family breadwinner*, so that earning power will be replaced in case of untimely death. Life insurance contracts sometimes are criticized for being vulnerable to inflation because they pay off in fixed dollars. But the family with no protection at all can be wiped out. Also important: a homeowner's policy that is updated annually to take account of the rising cost of rebuilding a home or replacing its furnishings; and some form of health and hospital insurance so that a serious illness will not deplete savings or force a family into debt.

- *A cash reserve for emergencies.* Money in a savings bank, savings and loan account or a credit union will not draw the highest possible rate of interest, but some sacrifice in yield is an acceptable trade-off for the sake of immediate availability. Some money market funds—mutual funds that invest in debt securities issued by banks, corporations and the federal government—currently are offering yields in a range of nine to 11 percent—only a notch below the current inflation rate—and permit investors to withdraw cash against their

holdings. However, these funds are not insured against loss as are deposits in federally-insured banks, savings and loans, and credit unions.

Assets that can be readily sold—mutual fund shares, or common stocks traded on national exchanges, for instance—are another option in case a sizeable sum is needed for a business opportunity or some other major purchase.

- *Ownership of a home.* The family that doesn't already own a house or a condominium should consider buying one, even if that means some sacrifice in terms of taking on a mortgage with hefty monthly payments. A homeowner gets substantial tax breaks in the form of income-tax deductions for the interest paid on a mortgage and for property taxes.



When working out a long-term investment strategy, it's best to count on a continued rise in consumer prices and inflation for the foreseeable future.

Once these essentials are provided, a family can turn its attention to other forms of investment that offer some degree of protection against inflation.

When working out long-term investment strategy, it's best to count on a continued rise in consumer prices for the foreseeable future.

In recent months, the price index has surged ahead at a double-digit pace. In years past, economic slowdowns have tended to cool off rising prices. But throughout the 1970s we

have seen the phenomenon of "stagflation"—inflation that stays high even at a time of business setbacks.

At the start of the 1980s, a majority of Americans are describing inflation as the country's top economic and investment problem. Some are calling for "shock treatment" or radical steps to curtail further price boosts.

Whether the government in Washington heeds this call remains to be seen. Some economists suggest that the best that can be expected in the next two or three years is to get the annual rate of consumer price increases down to a range of seven to eight percent. By contrast, in the mid-1960s, experts contended that an inflation rate as high as four percent was as much as could be tolerated. Inflation was running at only about a four percent rate when President Richard Nixon imposed wage-price controls in 1971.

In any case, awareness that prices are unlikely to fall back anytime soon to the moderate levels of a decade ago should help guide current investment strategy.

Start investment planning early.

The longer an individual waits to get started on an investment program, the costlier it becomes in terms of building up assets. An example comes from the Investment Company Institute. Suppose a person invests \$20 a month starting at age 25, and gets an annual interest yield of seven percent. That individual will accumulate about \$50,000 by age 65. But if he puts off systematic investing until age 35, it would take \$40 a month to reach the \$50,000 goal; and at age 55, it would take \$305 a month.

Older people who have already set up their own investment programs can encourage children or grandchildren in good savings habits by making gifts of annuities, insurance policies, savings accounts, stocks or mutual funds. A stock with promising growth prospects will "grow up" along with the youthful recipient. Moreover, stocks can be a tax shelter for both youngster and donor. Most children have no income subject to tax until their first jobs, so dividends on a stock or interest on a savings account compounds free of

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The Russian Anaconda

Like the anaconda, a snake which squeezes prey to death, the Soviet Union is strangling the Free World with a sea-going constrictor

By Ernest Cuneo

The narrow seas are few in number and small in area, but they control the seven oceans. These sea lanes are the world's arteries; the merchant ships are its bloodstream. Without access to the sea lanes for their tankers, the economy of industrial nations would grind to a stop within months.

The critically important narrow seas are the North Sea and the English Channel, the Straits of Hormuz between the Persian Gulf oil fields and the Indian Ocean, and the various Straits of the Caribbean. As of now, the Kremlin has the military capacity to close the English Channel and the Strait of Hormuz within hours.

The supertanker sea lanes around Africa are already flanked by Russian bases acquired by the Cuban expeditionary force in Africa: Angola on the West Coast, Mozambique on the East Coast and, most important, Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa athwart the Red Sea and Indian Ocean sea lanes.

The relative strength of the fleets

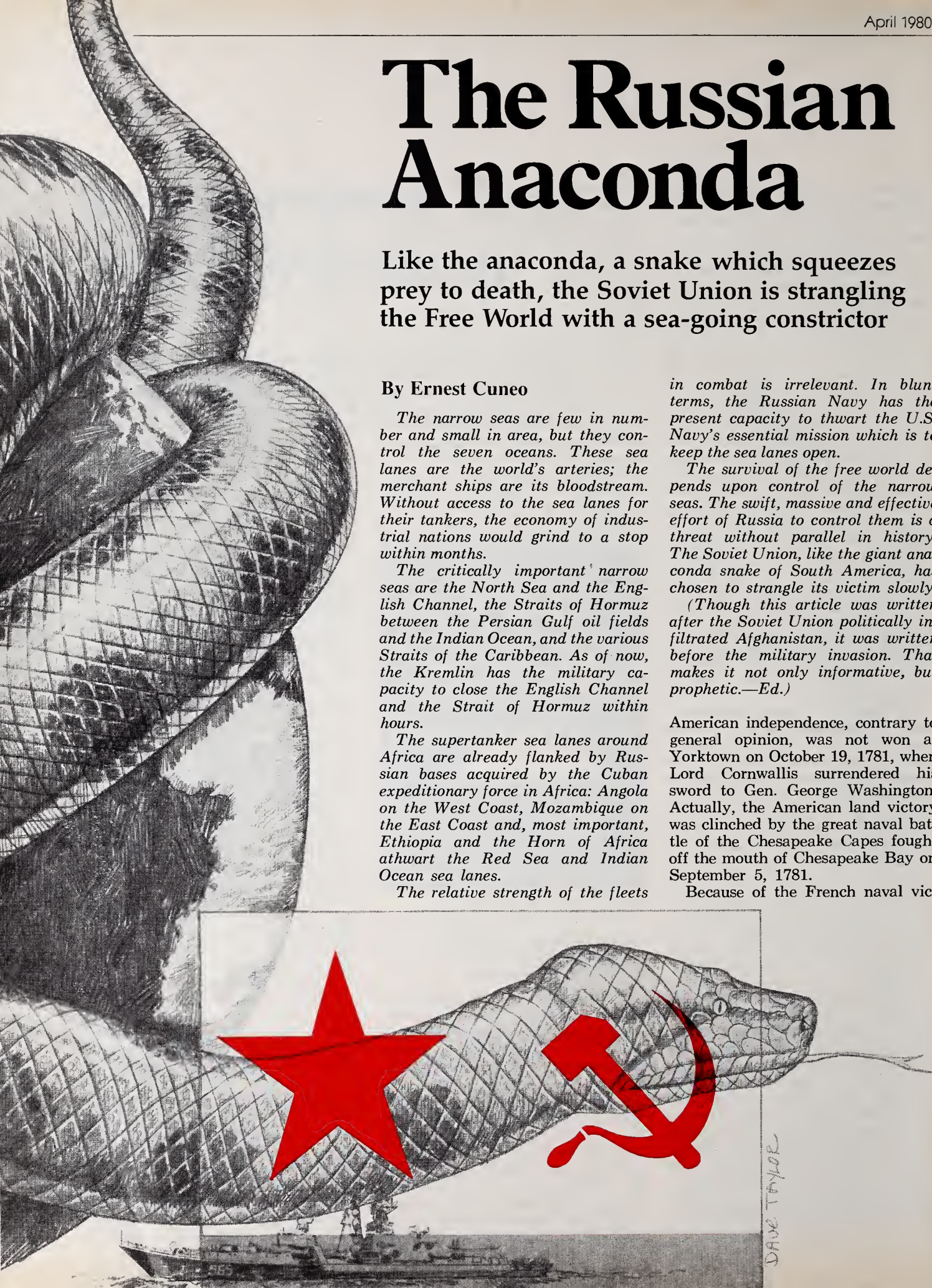
in combat is irrelevant. In blunt terms, the Russian Navy has the present capacity to thwart the U.S. Navy's essential mission which is to keep the sea lanes open.

The survival of the free world depends upon control of the narrow seas. The swift, massive and effective effort of Russia to control them is a threat without parallel in history. The Soviet Union, like the giant anaconda snake of South America, has chosen to strangle its victim slowly.

(Though this article was written after the Soviet Union politically infiltrated Afghanistan, it was written before the military invasion. That makes it not only informative, but prophetic.—Ed.)

American independence, contrary to general opinion, was not won at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his sword to Gen. George Washington. Actually, the American land victory was clinched by the great naval battle of the Chesapeake Capes fought off the mouth of Chesapeake Bay on September 5, 1781.

Because of the French naval vic-



tory, the Royal Navy lost temporary control of the narrow seas between Cape Henry and Cape Charles called Hampton Roads, just long enough for the combined American and French forces to strangle Cornwallis. The fateful consequences of their momentary loss of control of the Chesapeake Bay cost Great Britain her American colonies.

Forty years later, the Americans, too, came to recognize the wisdom of the British sea diplomacy. The Monroe Doctrine, proclaimed by the United States in 1820, was a legal pronouncement that the United States would act as the protector of all of the Western Hemisphere. Even more importantly, it was the beginning of a hard and fast British-American naval alliance which was the decisive factor in both World Wars of the 20th century.

When the British Empire disappeared, the might of the British Navy disappeared with it. The burden of keeping open the sea lanes descended squarely upon the United States as champions of the West and, until 1962, the United States carried it.

The laws of sea strategy are as inexorable as the surge of the sea itself: who controls the oceans, and particularly the narrow seas, controls the land. Landlocked Russia discovered this when it was forced to back down before the superior U.S. Navy in the sea confrontation of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Since then Russia has taken the lead in throwing a

sea-going constrictor, an anaconda, around the free world by crash building four huge blue-water fleets.

At war's end in 1945, the Kremlin never even conceived of Russia as a sea power. But even as the war waged against Hitler, Stalin waged diplomatic war against British-American allies. He insisted on a second front in France. He successfully resisted the plan of an Allied attack across the Balkans, thus seizing Middle Europe and East Germany for Russia. Stalin was looking for power vacuums to fill and he found them beyond his wildest expectations.

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He had already filled the power vacuum left by the devastation of Hitler and Japan, though Russia itself was exhausted. The United States was incomparably the world's greatest military power. Capitalizing on the deep desire of the American people for world peace, Stalin launched a vast propaganda and diplomatic offensive to get the United States to disarm unilaterally. It succeeded. The United States "brought

the boys home," demobilized its armies, dismantled its air force and mothballed its fleets. Russia demobilized not a single man, nor did it yield an inch of occupied territory. On the contrary, it redoubled the strength of its armies.

Since 1962, the Russian armed forces have been attempting to do by sea what the Russian armies do by land. The huge Russian land forces were used as part of the continuing Communist drive for world domination. The standard pattern of conquest is the establishment of a Communist Party within the targeted nation, a fifth column. The internal Communist Party is controlled from Moscow. Its tactic is to gain control of key unions, and to foment rebellion until it paralyzes the nation's economy. Civil disorder is ignited. Then the Red Army masses on the borders. Then the Red fifth column offers to form a coalition government, taking over the posts of communication and police.

Thereafter, all opposition is suppressed. If opposition breaks out, the Red Army marches in to sustain its Communist governments. It had to in East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. It has declared this as its firm policy under the Brezhnev Doctrine, and the United States acquiesced to these Russian conquests in the Helsinki Agreement.

This policy was used by land against 13 nations, from Korea to

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The narrow seas of the world are encircled in red. One currently in the news is the Strait of Hormuz bordering Oman.



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The court ruled that Theodore Roosevelt could carry his liquor like a gentleman, but he opted for another campaign theme during the 1904 Presidential elections.

By William E. Miles

Whatever fireworks may develop during this year's Presidential campaign, it's unlikely that any more meteoric figure than George Francis Train will sizzle across the nation's sky—into oblivion.

Train, in 1870, announced that he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President and, without political background or backers, proceeded to carry out a vigorous speaking campaign. When his name was not even mentioned at the convention two years later, his friends felt sorry for him—until they learned he had charged admission to his 1,000 campaign speeches and had grossed \$90,000!

But politics has made even stranger bedfellows in the past during the heat of election campaigns. Dirty tricks by candidates and their supporters date right back to the early days of the Republic.

One of the most savage election campaigns in the nation's history

Crazy campaign capers

was waged between Thomas Jefferson and John Adams in 1800. Vicious personal attacks on both candidates culminated in a report on June 30 in the *Baltimore American* of Jefferson's death at Monticello. News traveled slowly in those days and it was not until the middle of July that Philadelphia newspaper readers were informed that the story of his death was simply "a Federalist trick" to keep Jefferson from being elected. As history shows, it failed.

But another celebrated political smear—the "Watergate" of its day—almost certainly led to the defeat of President John Quincy Adams during his run for reelection in 1828. Earlier that year he had ordered, for his own use and out of his own personal account, a \$50 billiard table, six dollars worth of balls and a \$23.50 chess set. Due to a bookkeeping error, the bill for the articles was included by mistake in a requisition for the White House and caused a mighty uproar in Congress.

One Congressman, Samuel P. Carson, inquired of his colleagues in the House: "Is it possible to believe that it was ever intended by Congress that public money should be applied for the purchase of game-tables and gambling furniture? And if it is right to purchase billiard tables and chessmen, why not also purchase faro banks, playing cards, race horses and every other necessary article to complete a system of gambling in the President's Palace?"

Almost every other Presidential candidate has been similarly ma-

igned on one charge or another—beginning with the nation's first President who became the first victim of lies and half-truths during his second term in office. George Washington complained that the attacks on him were in terms so exaggerated and indecent "as could scarcely be applied to a Nero, a notorious defaulter or a common pickpocket." Some historians believe that his decision not to seek a third term resulted largely from his desire to avoid those slurs on his character.

Jefferson was accused by the Rev.



Victoria Claflin Woodhull (1838-1927) was an American feminist long before ERA became an issue. In 1872 she ran for President on a platform of "Free love."

Timothy Dwight, president of Yale University, of "planning to overthrow the churches and abolish religion." Other campaign critics called him a coward and a drunkard and claimed his election would bring on a national orgy of rape, incest and adultery. But this name-calling was nothing compared to some of the accusations Abraham Lincoln endured during his campaign for reelection against Gen. George B. McClellan in 1864. Some of the epithets applied to the wartime President included ape, fiend, ghoul, knave, lunatic, outlaw, traitor and drunkard.

In addition to Jefferson and Lincoln, other Presidents charged with drunkenness included Grover Cleveland, Andrew Jackson, Ulysses S. Grant, William Henry Harrison and Theodore Roosevelt. After his Bull Moose campaign, Roosevelt took one such charge to court in a libel action against a Pennsylvania publisher who called him a liar, a drunkard and a poor loser. Ignoring the other insults, Roosevelt defended himself solely against the charge of drunkenness and claimed that, while he was not a total abstainer, he was "very abstemious." The jury awarded him a verdict of six cents, plus a decision that he could carry his liquor like a gentleman.

Charges erupted during the 1936 Presidential campaign with E. P. Cramer, a Washington, DC advertising man, later admitting before a Senate committee investigating lobbies that he was the instigator of a whispering campaign to spread the rumor that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was either incompetent or insane.

In addition to the rumors regarding the physical and mental health of President Roosevelt, a story was printed by the *Chicago Daily Tribune* during the 1936 campaign that American Communists had been instructed by Moscow to vote for the Democratic candidate. The *Chicago Times* exposed the smear by discovering that the quotations used in the alleged order were taken from a speech by Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, in which he predicted that most of the party members would vote for Franklin Roosevelt instead of himself.

Another caper conceived by members of the Republican National



No campaign would be complete without a dirty trick or the appropriate campaign buttons. This Alfred E. Smith button from the 1928 election is now a collector's item.

Committee was the hiring of a farmer and his cows to promenade on a sidewalk built by the Public Works Commission in Arcadia, MO to make it appear that federal money had been spent to construct a footpath for cattle. The charge also was made by Republican Senator H. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire that the Tennessee Valley Authority paid

Davy Crockett underhandedly managed to get himself elected by taking advantage of his opponent's wooden leg.

\$2,500 for a jackass—until the Senator was informed that he had misunderstood the purchase of a mechanical jack used for lifting purposes at Norris Dam.

An earlier caper that didn't contribute to Alfred E. Smith's defeat by Herbert Hoover, but added some extra heat to the campaign, occurred in Louisville, KY in 1928. When the Democratic candidate arrived for a speech in the municipal hall, it was packed with people and uncomfortably hot. As Smith spoke, it became hotter than ever. H. L. Mencken,

who attended the meeting, wrote later:

"Before Al was halfway through his speech he was sweating so copiously that he seemed half-drowned. The dignitaries on the platform sweated too, and so did the vulgar on the floor and in the galleries. Minute by minute, the temperature seemed to increase until it became almost unbearable. When Al shut down at last, with his collar a rag and his shirt and pants sticking to his hide, the thermometer must have stood at 100 degrees at least and there was a plenty who guessed that it stood at 110."

What had happened, Mencken explained, was that the Republican city administration "had its goons fire up the boilers under the hall deliberately and with malice prepense."

But some of the craziest of all campaign capers have been devised by the candidates themselves. One of them was Victoria Claflin Woodhull, the first and only woman to run for President. During the 1872 campaign she ran on a party platform of "Free Love"—and walked a dozen other daring planks that included woman suffrage, abolition of the death penalty, short skirts, birth control, public housing, a universal language and easier divorce laws. Mrs. Woodhull, in a barnstorming campaign across the country, was arrested numerous times and the more the police arrested her, the larger the turnout for her speeches. Once, forbidden by New York City police to appear on any public platform, she disguised herself as an old Quakeress and entered Cooper Union Hall where she bolted to the stage and delivered a fiery speech in defense of adultery.

Another campaign caper involved candidate Adlai E. Stevenson who, while touring a section of the Northwest in his railroad special in 1888, found that there the paramount issue of the election was whether the mountain peak that dominated the landscape should be named Tacoma or Rainier. Never knowing at which stops the citizens were pro-Tacoma or pro-Rainier, he found it impossible to avoid the issue. So, after a conference with the engineer, Stevenson in every speech referred to the beauty of the mountain and the controversy over its name.

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King of the Backyard Barbecue

As summer approaches, males of the species flock to their thrones—the charcoal grill

By Thomas A. Hoge

It's been said man's role in the domestic domain consists mainly of carrying out the trash and drying the dishes. Not so. There's still one household ritual over which the American male reigns unchallenged: the backyard barbecue.

Ever since primitive man returned from the hunt dragging the carcass of a wild beast and roasted chunks of meat over a roaring fire for the wife and kids, it has been Pop who officiated at the family cookout. Men who cannot be cajoled into the kitchen to cook anything, preside proudly over the charcoal grill.

Cooking over a fire may have been a necessity in prehistoric times, but man soon acquired a liking for it. Desert nomads used to tether their mounts at an oasis and grill the day's catch over a campfire, if they could find enough wood.

Barbecues have long been popular in the United States, especially in the South where it has traditionally been an occasion for a social gathering. It didn't take Southern politicians long to realize that enough barbecued meat washed down with enough beer or bourbon made the duller speech tolerable, so they often use the pit and the grill to entertain voters during campaign swings.

The barbecue is as American as the Fourth of July, but other lands have their own versions. During a recent

trip to Finland, I watched a family smoke salmon over a pit for an outdoor feast. I'm told that in both India and China food is often cooked barbecue style. This probably harks back to the days of the caliphs when Persian soldiers on the march grilled meats over small braziers.

Broiling is probably man's oldest cooking method with a history that dates back to the discovery of fire. The first grills were believed to have been crude frames designed to keep the meat from falling into the flames. But man soon made a discovery—meat cooked in this manner gave forth a wonderful aroma and had a haunting flavor. Many cooks insist that charcoal broiling gives the very best flavor.

Probably the earliest method of grilling was the practice of impaling a series of meat chunks on a stick and holding it over the fire. Years later, men on the trail, from the desert sheiks to the Tatars on the steppes of Russia, stuck meat on their swords and cooked it. Thus the term "shish kabob" was born. Shish in Turkish means sword and kabob stands for broiled meat.

Kabob cookery is popular partly because of its versatility. Virtually any kind of meat can be cooked this way as well as birds, fish and even vegetables and fruits.

America's fondness for the kabob has inspired a whole range of special equipment from brochettes to special revolving spits capable of cooking a number of food-laden skewers at one time.

As a result of the advances in spit-roasting, not only poultry and game birds can be cooked, but also whole baby lambs and suckling pigs. This doubtlessly has been handed down from the 18th and 19th centuries when the great manor houses of England and America had magnificent spits either run by dogs on a treadmill or by an ingenious clockwork apparatus that kept the meat turning. (No one knows for sure where the term "barbecue" originated, but it may be derived from the Spanish word *barbacoa* which describes a framework from which meat is suspended.)

Barbecuing in America has come a long way from the days when it consisted of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Today an entire meal, including the appetizers, can be prepared on the grill. For example, mushrooms can be stuffed with chopped ham and herbs, then grilled. Or crab meat that has been breaded and spiced can be wrapped in bacon and placed over the coals, as can shredded Swiss cheese mixed with deviled ham and fashioned into cubes.

Vegetables are delicious prepared on the grill, either *au naturel* or wrapped in foil to prevent charring. Potatoes are the most popular accompaniment to meat but carrots or beets wrapped in foil and grilled are also delicious. Of course husk-roasted corn is a backyard classic.

One usually thinks of meat as the centerpiece for a barbecue, but fish, both the fin and shell variety, is coming into its own. However, be sure you don't overcook seafood or it may fall apart because its flesh is a lot more delicate than meat. A tangy marinade applied before grilling does wonders for fish which tends to be bland.

Fish with oily flesh broils the best. A good example is mackerel both from the Atlantic and Pacific. Before putting on the grill, fillet the mackerel, spread with soft butter, then sprinkle with pepper and salt. Broil five inches from the coals for four to 10 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillets, then sprinkle with lemon juice and serve.

Seafood is becoming so popular that some ambitious hosts are staging mini-clambakes in the yard. They wrap pre-grilled chicken pieces in foil with half a dozen soft-shell clams in the shells, plus one ear of corn, one lobster tail and one fish fillet. Several of these foil packages, depending on the number of guests, are placed seam-side up on the grill. The grill hood is then lowered and the packages are grilled over hot coals for about 45 minutes.

There's an old saying that if you achieve perfection in grilling just one kind of meat, your success as a backyard host is assured. But that seems to be oversimplifying it. If you've learned to grill red meat, why not chicken, seafood and game? The process is basically the same—only the seasoning, cooking time and degree of heat differ.

There is something glamorous about serving game, so here's a recipe of my own for grilling a brace of wild ducks on a spit. If you don't care for the gamey taste of wild birds, even though the stuffing and basting sauce largely eliminates it, you can substitute domestic birds.

The main thing to remember when preparing your fire

is to arrange a bed of coals so they will give out an even heat. Don't use excessive charcoal. Better to have too little than a vast bed of coals capable of burning everything to a crisp if you leave it unattended for a minute. You can always add briquets but it's not so easy to remove glowing coals. Grill the meat five to seven inches above the coals—the temperature there should be about 325 to 375 degrees.

When the meal is cooked be sure to douse the fire before going into the house. Coals will smoulder for hours and can pose a hazard.

With the rocketing cost of meat these days and with fish following suit, many of us have to cast about for other foods to grill. One solution is that old standby, the sausage, but you don't have to limit yourself to hot dogs. There's country sausage and a number of other varieties.

Country sausage links and chicken livers *en brochette* make a delightful kabob. Grilled Italian sausages, either sweet or hot, alternating on skewers with red and green

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Wild Duck



- 2 wild ducks, 2½ to 3 pounds each
- 2 small apples, cored and quartered
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 large sprigs parsley
- 2 small shallots, peeled
- 2 celery stalks
- 4 juniper berries
- 2 tablespoons butter
- black pepper
- 6 ounces dry vermouth
- 1 stick butter
- 4 ounces bourbon whiskey heated
- ¾ cup grape jelly
- 1 tablespoon butter

Wipe birds dry inside and out. Stuff each with 1 apple, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 sprig parsley, 1 shallot, 1 celery stalk and 2 juniper berries. Sew up cavities. Place birds close together on rotary spit. Rub with butter and sprinkle with pepper. Heat vermouth and the stick of butter to use as basting sauce. Grill ducks on turning spit 30 minutes, basting often. Place birds on heated platter, pour bourbon over them and ignite. As soon as flames die down, start carving birds. Serve in slices with sauce made from jelly and remaining butter heated together. Serve with a chilled rosé wine. Serves four.

The German Misconnection

During their "graduation ceremony," American soldiers are arrested and accused of being German saboteurs

By Randall H. Bryant

In 1942, I was ordered, as intelligence chief of an infantry regiment, to organize and train a team of amphibious scouts. My division, the Ninth Infantry, was assigned to the Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet, stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. My unit was the 47th Infantry Regiment.

We did not know it at the time, but we were preparing for the planned November landings in North Africa. To this end we practiced landing exercises near Solomon's Island, MD. We took rubber-boat and beach-reconnaissance training, underwater swimming, and the tactics and techniques of this type of intelligence training. Later we found out this was to prepare us for landing by submarine and then reconnoitering the beaches, marking them with infrared lights to guide the landing craft that would be following.

As a "graduation" exercise I recommended that we practice a series of landings from a submarine. It was approved. We were subsequently ordered to the U.S. Navy Submarine Base at New London, CT.

It was unusual for Army soldiers to be at the highly-classified wartime submarine base. We were looked upon as curiosities, although popular ones. After strict physical exams and tests in the decompression chamber, we graduated from the Navy Submarine Escape Course, the first Army members to have done so.

We were given practical experience aboard a crowded, cramped submarine, the USS *Marlin* (SS-205), and successfully completed

several daytime landings from the sub, then commanded by Lt. George Sharp, USN. Our graduation ceremony was to be one last midnight landing; our uniform, the one-piece Army coverall, canvas-soled shoes, and pistol belts with canteens and knives. No "dog tags" were worn and we carried no identification, so as to simulate actual combat conditions. Our landing point was a beach on the Long Island Sound.

To prevent trouble before each of our landings, Headquarters, New London, had worked closely with the

The boats lying on the sand and the men's wet clothing made the situation very suspicious.

local National Guard unit responsible for the sector of the planned landing. The National Guard, in turn, was responsible for notifying all coastal security units including the Coast Guard and state police. For the final landing, I decided not to accompany the team but to observe from the beach, along with the commander of the National Guard regiment of the sector.

Despite all precautions, something unforeseen happened. It could have had serious consequences because of an incident that was unknown to any



of us at the time.

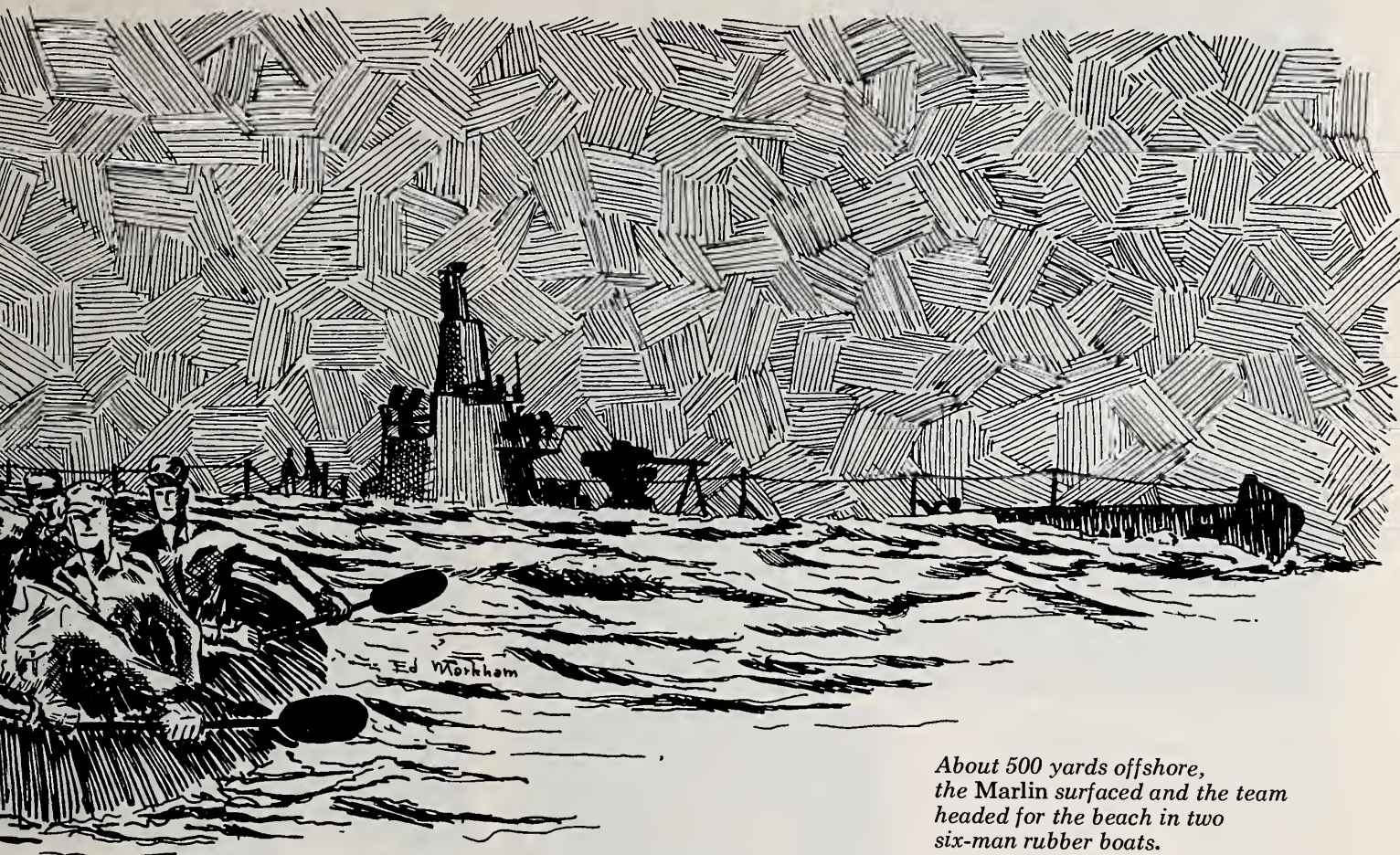
Lt. Jack Sawyer, team commander of our Army Amphibious Scouts, gave me the details of that last landing when it was all over.

The team boarded the *Marlin* in New London for the journey down Long Island Sound. The night was foggy. There was a strong wind, ensuring plenty of surf on the beach. That was advantageous because the extra noise would help cover the landing. It was an ideal night.

The trip down the Sound was uneventful. About 500 yards offshore, the *Marlin* surfaced, decks awash. The team dropped two six-man rubber boats over the side, climbed in and assembled the two-piece paddles. Then they rowed to the invisible beach by compass, landing about 25 yards apart. They jumped into the cold water and pulled the boats onto the sand.

The men saw no one on the beach. The wailing of the wind and the pounding surf covered the slight sounds of the landing. After deflating their boats, they carried them inland and began to bury them—they would retrieve them later.

Without warning a "brilliant" light flashed on, catching them in its beam. A voice yelled to them to stand up and drop their guns. Almost



About 500 yards offshore, the Marlin surfaced and the team headed for the beach in two six-man rubber boats.

immediately a second light flashed on from the opposite side, revealing the speaker to be a young Coast Guardsman in his white summer uniform, carrying a rifle in one hand, a flashlight in the other.

The men stood. Lt. Sawyer shouted that he and his men were unarmed, and tried to explain who they were. Ignoring him, the sailor ordered the men to stand still so he could get a good look at them. The boats lying on the sand and the men's wet clothing made the situation very suspicious. The Coast Guardsman told Sawyer that, regardless of who they were, they would have to come with him to the police station a couple of miles away. There Sawyer could explain.

They trudged down the beach toward the station, carrying the deflated folded boats. One of the Coast Guardsmen followed. He seemed friendly enough and told Sawyer they had been warned that evening to be on the lookout for Germans landing from submarines.

After slogging through rough sandy scrub for nearly an hour, they reached the small brick building that served as police station. The Coast Guardsman told his story, turned the team over to the duty sergeant, and returned to his beach patrol.

The police sergeant, faced with a roomful of wet, suspicious-looking men, called his lieutenant from the back room. After a period of questioning, the police lieutenant said he found it hard to believe their story, particularly since they had no identification. He accused them of being German saboteurs who had landed from a German sub. Sawyer found it impossible to persuade them otherwise and the police lieutenant finally ordered the men into a cell. He planned to hold Sawyer and company until the FBI could come and take them off his hands.

Sawyer tried to explain that his captain and a National Guard colonel were waiting for them on the beach. He asked the police to send someone out to look for them. His plea was met with an adamant refusal. After herding the men into the cell, the lieutenant called the FBI.

I had gone to X-Beach with Colonel Grace of the National Guard at 2300 hours. By midnight the colonel and I were straining our eyes and ears for my team. I didn't expect to detect them—they were good. Nor was I surprised when by 0030 hours we hadn't seen or heard anything. I assumed they had successfully evaded us. I suggested to Colonel Grace that we drive back in my jeep

to the planned rendezvous, since congratulations seemed in order.

The rendezvous point was deserted! We drove to the nearest phone booth to check with New London to see if the team had embarked on schedule. The New London duty officer assured me the drop had been made and read me the cable he had received from the *Marlin*: "SCOUT TEAM DROPPED AT POINT X ON SCHEDULE. PROCEEDING ON PATROL."

What to do now? Colonel Grace said there was a police station nearby and suggested we go there to ask for help. I agreed.

When we reached the police station the first person I heard was Sawyer loudly insisting that the police lieutenant phone New London. The lieutenant was equally adamant, "We'll wait for the FBI!"

"What's the trouble, Jack?" I asked, worried but relieved at finding my men.

"Thank God you're here, Sir. The Coast Guard picked us up just as we were burying our boats on the beach. Now we're accused of being German saboteurs! The lieutenant won't believe a thing I say and he won't call New London to check us out. Now the FBI is on the way

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Classic Photographs of Vietnam

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An armored tank becomes an ambulance during the bloody battle for Hue in this photo by John Olson.

(Right) A soldier and his pet share a rest period at Quang Tri, captured here by UPI's Toshio Sakai.



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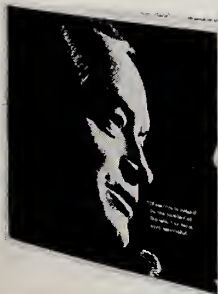
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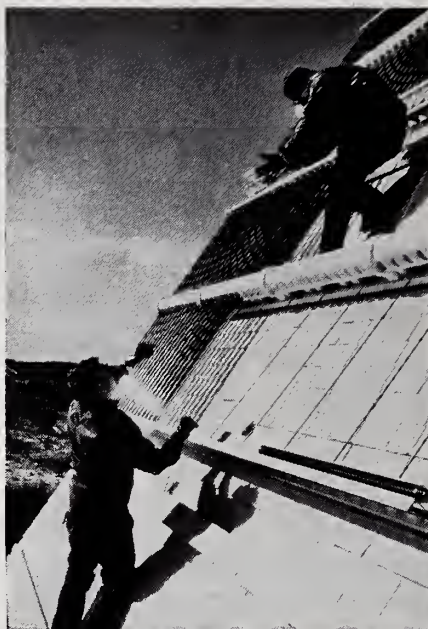
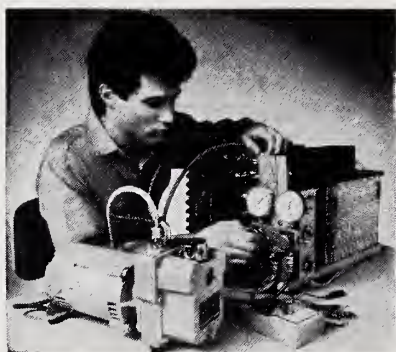
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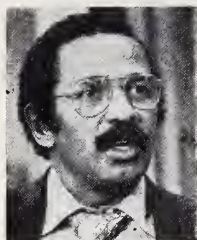
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Should the United States

Have A Four-day Workweek?



Rep. John
Conyers
(D-MI)

Yes. The shorter workweek bill (H.R. 1784) that I have introduced would create several million new jobs, reverse the loss of industrial jobs, give employees the right to decide whether and when they want to work overtime, raise worker productivity by reducing absenteeism and stress, and lead to greater efficiency in the work place by eliminating wasted time. The entire economy would benefit from the

full employment it creates because taxpayers no longer would have to pay out billions to support the jobless.

This legislation, phasing-in a 35-hour workweek, abolishing compulsory overtime and increasing the overtime rate from time-and-a-half to double-time, is neither novel nor radical. It is already practiced in leading industries that employ telephone operators, clothing workers, electricians and printers.

A century and a half ago, American workers were on-the-job from "sunup to sundown." Under pressure from labor to improve working life and combat unemployment, the workweek has been progressively reduced. Unemployment was curbed during the Great Depression by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, which adopted the 40-hour week and the overtime rate. Yet in the past three decades, the workweek has not been changed, despite chronic, high-level unemployment, technology's replacement of workers by machines and the enormous increases in productivity.

Today, roughly four million production workers create as many goods as 13 million did in 1948. A single auto worker produces twice as many cars as his counterpart did then, and a few dozen telephone operators handle as many long-distance calls as several thousand did 30 years ago. Technology has led to a massive loss of jobs in major industries.

The overtime rate was meant to encourage employers to hire new workers. It has long since lost its effectiveness since the employer's cost of hiring and training new workers far exceeds the penalty they pay for overtime. Many new jobs could be created by curbing the excessive overtime worked by more than 10 million persons today.

The composition of the labor force also has changed dramatically (57.1 percent today are women, as compared to 31.6 percent in 1955). Forced overtime is no longer appropriate to a labor force that contains so many working mothers and single-spouse households, who carry heavy domestic responsibilities.

Last October, the House Labor Standards Subcommittee held major hearings on the shorter workweek, the first in more than a decade. Along with the growth of a nationwide worker/citizen movement for a shorter workweek, support in Congress is also growing because its value has already been shown in the industries that have adopted it.



Sen. Gordon J.
Humphrey
(R-NH)

No. Such decisions should be optional on the part of labor and management. A four-day workweek should not be uniform national policy, dictated from Washington.

The implications of such a change are vast. Advocates of a 40 hour/four-day workweek believe that for many industries this change may increase workers' productivity and job satisfaction. Increased leisure time is important in our society.

However, in many occupations, 10-hour days may result in added worker fatigue, with accompanying loss of productivity and increased on-the-job accidents. Family life could be disrupted. Many workers would moonlight on their extra day off. This would further increase their fatigue and could reduce job opportunities for the unemployed.

Workers and managers should weigh the merits and disadvantages of changing from the standard workweek to the four-day week; they then can come to a mutually beneficial decision. Federal legislation, however, must not be the tool to force this change.

Others argue that the workweek should be shortened, the work day remaining at eight hours, while workers are paid at the same 40-hour rate. In effect, this suggestion amounts to a paid day off each week. Proponents of this scheme ignore basic economic facts.

Productivity would clearly suffer. If wages remained constant while the workweek was reduced from five eight-hour days to four eight-hour days, worker productivity would decline a full 20 percent.

Yet today, we must discuss policies which will *boost* productivity, not decrease it. Our nation's growth rate in productivity is at a dangerous low compared with our international competitors. America cannot long remain a thriving, economically healthy nation without increasing its productivity.

In addition, industry would necessarily pass on to the consumer the increased costs from the extra day off with pay, resulting in accelerated inflation.

Ignoring these serious drawbacks, the Department of Energy recently suggested that a four-day week may be mandated as a national energy conservation measure. Any energy savings envisioned may be illusory. A Congressional Budget Office study tentatively concluded that the potential savings from less frequent trips to work would be more than offset by additional recreational travel on the longer weekends.

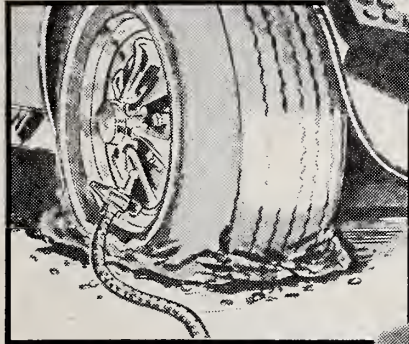
Thus, from a practical standpoint, there are many serious problems with a four-day workweek. Any reduction in the workweek should be left to individual firms and their employees who are able to make adjustments without the federal government's heavy-handed interference. The four-day workweek must not be mandated as national policy.

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RECORD GI INSURANCE DIVIDENDS TO BE PAID IN 1980 . . .

The VA will pay a record \$566 million in dividends during 1980 to 4.1 million veterans holding GI life insurance policies, according to VA head Max Cleland. The figure is \$81 million more than paid in 1979. VA will automatically make the payments throughout the year on anniversary dates of individual policies kept in force from WWI, WWII and the Korean conflict. Nearly \$491 million will be paid to the 3.3 million WWII veterans still holding GI insurance policies, an average payment of \$149. Payment to 517,000 Korean conflict veterans who kept their GI insurance in force will total nearly \$32 million, an average payment of \$62, up from \$48 in 1979. The 93,300 WWI policyholders will receive an average of \$298 each, up from \$256 in 1979.

DATA ON VIETNAM ERA VETERANS RELEASED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION . . .

A new statistical profile of the 8.9 million men and women in military service during the Vietnam era has been released by the VA. The report discloses half the \$46 billion total spent since 1965 on Vietnam veterans' programs went for educational assistance making them "the best educated group of veterans in our country's history," according to VA chief Max Cleland. Compensation and pension payments comprise the second largest VA expenditure to Vietnam veterans, a total of more than \$9.7 billion through FY 1979. Other highlights from VA's data book show that Vietnam veterans have purchased two million homes worth \$56 billion with GI home loans, they are the least likely veterans (because of their relative youth) to have been hospitalized and are 32.9 years of age on the average.

RECORD VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET SENT TO CONGRESS . . .

The VA's Fiscal Year 1981 budget recently sent to Congress by President Carter calls for the highest funding in the history of the agency. The VA is requesting \$22.7 billion—\$1.5 billion more than Fiscal Year 1980's budget—to fund a wide range of projects. The \$6.1 billion medical care appropriation exceeds 1980 budget figures by nearly \$300 million and provides the Dept. of Medicine and Surgery with an all-time high employment staffing of 194,892. . . . The budget predicts payments of \$12.5 billion in compensation and pension payments. . . . A record medical construction request will provide funds

to start a replacement hospital at Minneapolis and for major modernization projects at hospitals in Denver, New Orleans and Chillicothe, OH, plus a number of nursing homes and outpatient clinic building and improvement projects . . . The budget also includes increases for Vietnam veterans training under the GI Bill and includes money for opening a large new national cemetery and planning for two more . . . Administrator of Veterans Affairs Max Cleland said the budget request will enable the agency to continue to give special emphasis to the problems of Vietnam era veterans and to meet the increasing needs of older veterans.

SOCIETY OF MILITARY WIDOWS HAS MOVED . . .

The Society of Military Widows, formerly of San Diego, CA, has moved their national headquarters. Their new address is: The Society of Military Widows, 7484 University Ave., Suite F, La Mesa, CA.

NEW MEDICAL CARE ENROLLMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS . . .

A new computer-based enrollment system affecting all active duty and retired military personnel, their dependents and survivors is being used to record and verify their eligibility for military and medical care benefits. . . . The Defense Enrollment/Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is aimed at improving the management and administration of the military health care system and eliminating waste and fraudulent practices according to DOD officials. . . . Under the DEERS System, when a military person or dependent seeks medical service from a Uniformed Service health care facility, their eligibility can be verified by a telephone computer hook-up with the DEERS central data bank, which will be located in Monterey, CA. . . . By 1982, more than nine million people are expected to be enrolled in DEERS.

NAVY DOCUMENTS OF GUAM SOUGHT BY RESEARCH PROJECT . . .

The Micronesian Area Research Center of the University of Guam is in the process of gathering documents on Guam's Naval Period from 1898 to 1950. They seek copies of diaries, photographs, correspondence and other observations for use in their archives. If you have such information or know of someone who does, contact Director, American Naval Period Project, M.A.R.C., University of Guam, P.O. Box EK, Agana, Guam 96910.

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FOR LEGIONNAIRES

20th Annual Washington Conference

"...we are now building a rapid deployment force which can carry stronger defense forces to any vital area."

—Pres. Jimmy Carter

A major policy address by President Jimmy Carter, honors to Alabama Athletic Director Paul "Bear" Bryant and Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt (R-AR) and balmy, beautiful weather were just a few of the highlights of the Legion's 20th annual Washington Conference.

More than 1,000 Legion leaders from the 50 states and overseas participated in the conference conducted February 18-21 in the nation's capital.

The mid-winter conference hit high gear Tuesday morning when commission members and participants gathered for the Hill Day Rally.

Nat. Cdr. Frank I. Hamilton opened the rally with the presentation of the Legion's Legislative Award to Rep. Hammerschmidt, ranking minority member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, for his accomplishments on behalf of American Legion legislative objectives.

In accepting the award Hammerschmidt said, "The Legion has become a national model of responsibility and love of country. (It) has been a source of solid information and reasonable recommendations."

Noting that, "Veterans are being asked to bear a disproportionate burden in the fight against inflation," Hammerschmidt thanked the Legion for its continued efforts to see that trend reversed.

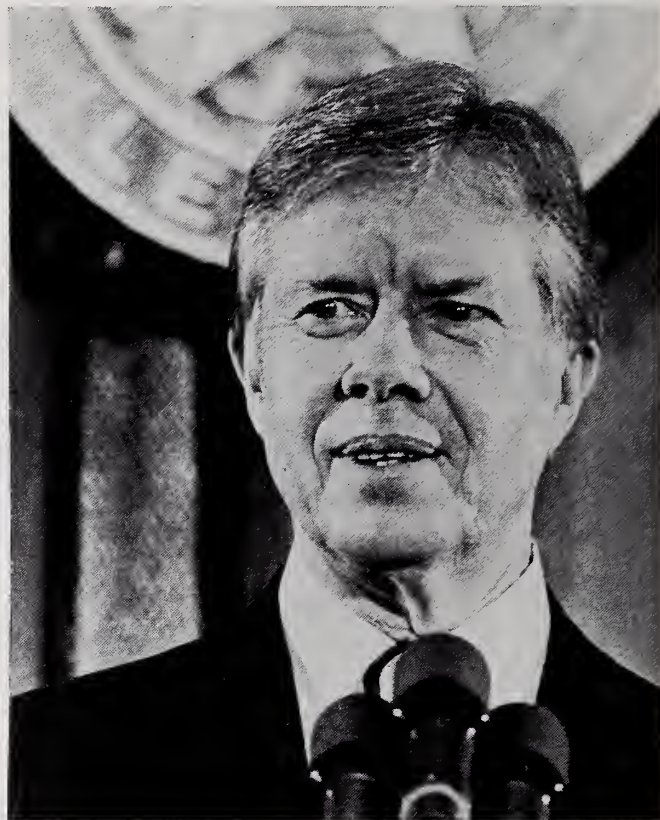
Legionnaires also heard Rep. David E. Satterfield (D-VA), who drew applause when he said, "If we're going to be a world power, let's start acting like one."

Satterfield—who is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Medical Facilities and Benefits, House Committee on Veterans Affairs—said, "The VA is *not* preparing for a three-fold increase in patients in the coming years. The demand grows while the number of hospital beds available in the system declines and there is a net reduction in personnel numbers and services."

To further illustrate this, Satterfield said the proposed Fiscal Year 1981 VA budget, while reflecting an increase, represents only 3.5 percent of the national budget compared to a 1975 figure of 5 percent of the budget.

"The VA medical system is strained to the limit," he said.

Following brief remarks about U.S. Latin American foreign policy by Sen. Richard Stone (D-FL), Legionnaires heard from VA administrator Max Cleland. The VA chief congratulated the Legion for actively recruiting the Vietnam veteran into the organization, while noting that rehabilitating them has been a particularly difficult challenge for the VA.



President Jimmy Carter addresses the 20th annual Washington Conference of The American Legion.

In response to that challenge, Cleland said the VA has taken a variety of actions including asking Congress to extend the delimiting date of the G.I. Bill by two years for those who most need it—those without a high school diploma or who need on-the-job training or apprenticeship experience. He has further directed a comprehensive study be undertaken to determine the effects Agent Orange has had on veterans exposed to the defoliant during the Vietnam War. The 86 VA psychological readjustment centers opened around the country are another example of VA seeking out the Vietnam era vet, Cleland said.

He also testified on Capital Hill in favor of proposed legislation that would permit court review of veterans' benefits involving questions of law and closed by saying, "The VA is putting its money where its mouth is by hiring as many veterans as possible under the Veterans Readjustment Program."

After a brief recess, Legionnaires jammed into the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton Hotel to hear President Carter address a Legion audience for the first time since the 1976 Seattle National Convention when he was a candidate for the nation's highest office.

Carter drew strong applause when he said, on the eve of the Olympic boycott deadline, that he had no inten-

tion of backing down on his demand that the United States boycott this summer's Olympics if Soviet troops are not removed from Afghanistan by Feb. 20.

He also criticized those who have opposed other steps he has taken in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"Within our own country, opposing voices have been raised against these necessary actions—against the grain embargo, against the Olympic boycott, against registration for the draft, against full funding of the defense budget, which I have proposed to the Congress," he said.

"In this developing debate concerning our national security, I need the support of freedom-loving Americans everywhere, and I am sure that I can count on my fellow Legionnaires for your support."

Carter emphasized that his administration had reversed the downward trend of defense spending begun in 1969 and noted that the current five percent of Gross National Product devoted to national defense in the Fiscal Year 1981 budget is an increase from less than three percent in fiscal 1970.

"We are capable today of responding to a threat to peace in almost any area of the world," Carter said. "Our naval task force near the Persian Gulf testifies to our mobility and strength, and we are now building a rapid deployment force which can carry stronger defense forces to any vital area."

In closing the President said, "We cannot spend or regulate our way out of every national problem. Nor can we abolish inflation by decree. That is the truth."

"Above all, whether it is draft registration of young people, increased military strength for ourselves and our allies, or increased energy production and conservation, we cannot have peace and security without a willingness to sacrifice. That is the most important truth of all."

The formal working agenda of the conference included a full slate of activities for members of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference. Members participated in panel discussions dealing with Discharge and Correction Boards; the VA Departments of Memorial Affairs, Veterans Benefits, and Medicine and Surgery, among others.

At each panel discussion, Post and Dept. Service Officers received information on veterans' rights and benefits. Each panel also included a lively exchange of ideas between Legionnaires who help veterans in the field and experts from the Veterans Administration.

Meeting in joint session, members of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions heard State Department official Bob Anders describe his escape from the besieged U.S. embassy in Teheran and subsequent sheltering by members of the Canadian embassy.

Anders, who worked many years with the Legion as the State Department's liaison, said the "Canadian Caper" prompts two thoughts in his and fellow hostages' minds:

"There is no way we can ever express our thanks to the Canadians," he said. "And we're joining the rest of America in your concern for the remaining hostages. We hope and we pray for their release."

(At the ANAVICUS breakfast that morning, Cdr. Hamilton presented a Citation for Meritorious Service

Continued . . .



(Top) Cdr. Hamilton presents the Legion's Citation for Meritorious Service to Canadian naval attaché Commodore R. E. Okros, left, who accepted the citation on behalf of the Canadian people. State Dept. official Bob Anders, center, is one of those the Canadians helped to escape from Iran.

(Middle) A Legionnaire asks a question during a panel discussion conducted by the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

(Bottom) VA Chief Max Cleland chats with Nat. Adj. Frank Momsen shortly before Cleland addressed the conference.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES



Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, talks with Cdr. Hamilton during a lull in conference activities. Moorer was presented the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission Certificate of Appreciation during the Washington Conference.



Cdr. Hamilton, sporting the cap Bear Bryant made famous, presents the Legion's Public Relations Award to Coach Bryant during the Public Relations luncheon at the Washington Conference.

to a representative of the Canadian Government for "their magnificent example of courage, sacrifice and humanity in aiding six United States officials escape from almost certain incarceration, physical and mental abuse by Iranian militants. . .")

As in years past, the Washington Conference also enabled Legion leaders to visit with their respective representatives in Congress. In addition, over 1,200 members of Congress, Legionnaires and guests attended the National Commander's Reception honoring the Congress of the United States.

Legionnaires took a break from the work at hand, though, to pay tribute to the coach of the nation's number one football team at the National Public Relations Commission Luncheon.

Veteran coach Paul "Bear" Bryant of Alabama's Crimson Tide was presented the National Commander's Public Relations Award "for his services to the youth of America in personifying the revered attributes of hard work, dedication and willingness to sacrifice. Also in recognition of his devotion to developing in his players a sense of self worth and dedication to achievement. . ."

In making the presentation to Bryant, Cdr. Hamilton said the Legion had "picked Bryant 'number one' long before the media and sporting world came to that conclusion. We had selected him long before the bowl games and it was our intent to keep him there no matter what happened in the Sugar Bowl."

In other commission action, members of the Economics Commission heard a report from Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment Dennis Wyant who described the employment programs of the Dept. of Labor in the year since he has taken over that job. The commission also discussed legislation to strengthen enforcement of veterans preference in federal employment under the Civil Service Reform Act and other legislative programs.

Also meeting during the Washington Conference were

the Public Relations and The American Legion Magazine Commissions.

But for the wrapping up of loose ends, the finale for many Legionnaires attending this year's Washington Conference came at the State Department Reception sponsored jointly by the State Dept. Post of The American Legion and the National Security/Foreign Relations Commissions.

With the conference concluded, one departing Legionnaire summed up this year's Washington conference this way: "We learned a lot and we got a lot done," he said. "But there's still much, much more to do."



James P. Dean (left) chairman of the National Internal Affairs Commission, discusses Legion energy program initiatives with Secretary of Energy Charles W. Duncan, Jr.

Thanks to Auxiliary Loan Fund Student Vets Go Now, Pay Later

Veterans attending college under the G.I. Bill can find they face a major barrier to that higher education the first time they go to register for classes. Although they may be expected to pay their tuition and fees in advance, they won't see that first check from the VA until 30 to 45 days after registration.

Vets facing this money dilemma may decide to sit out a semester or seek a short-term loan from a local lending institution.

Those who sit out sometimes stay out—permanently. And those who try to borrow the money may find that, since they've probably just been released from active duty, they've not had time to establish credit in the community.

It's a problem faced by many veterans, unless they're attending Indiana University East in Richmond, IN.

IU East veteran students now have another option, thanks to the Legion's Harry Ray Post 65 Auxiliary there.

Recently, members of Post 65's Auxiliary presented IU East a check for \$2,000 to begin an emergency loan fund for students eligible for GI Bill benefits who are attending the school.

The fund will allow a maximum loan of \$400 to be used toward tuition, fees and books for eligible students who will be half-time students or more. There is a small interest charge for the 60-day loans. That interest will go into another fund to provide scholarship money for dependents of disabled or deceased veterans.

The school's academic dean, Dr. Frank Butler, accepted the check from the Auxiliary and said that such a fund, "is something any institution of higher learning can use.

"Organizations such as The American Legion Auxiliary of Harry Ray Post 65 are aware of the need for higher education among veterans to make them more employable."

Ron Stamps, Coordinator of Veterans Affairs at IU East said, "This is one of the best ways I know for veterans organizations to show the

Vietnam era veteran that the Legion and other veterans organizations care about their future and are doing something about it."

The fund is operated through the Office of Veterans Affairs and the Financial Aid Director at IU East.

Oklahoma's Howard Is April's Legionnaire

The Dept. of Oklahoma's Legionnaire of the Year can now add The American Legion Magazine's Legionnaire of the Month recognition to his long list of accomplishments.

Pat Howard, a member of Post 148 in Sulphur, OK, has served in a number of official capacities, including Post Cdr.

But this veteran of the fight for Corregidor and prisoner of war under the Japanese is, perhaps, best known for those unofficial acts performed by one veteran helping another veteran.

Pat and his family have given money, food and gas to families of veterans stranded and trying to get a job. He's helped them find those jobs just as he's helped disabled veterans get wheelchairs, canes or crutches.

He credits his wife, Doris, though, with one idea that's benefited The

American Legion's Children's Home at Ponca City, OK. Instead of giving flowers at a veteran's funeral, the Post has the deceased's name added to a memorial list at the home and makes a \$10 contribution in the veteran's memory.

As a result of Pat's efforts, the Children's Home has also been the recipient of food and other donations obtained from local merchants.



Pat Howard

Pat, who is presently Adj. of Post 148, sometimes may have to work seven days a week in his job with the City of Sulphur, but that doesn't keep him from conducting twice-weekly bingo games at the Post.

He somehow finds time to do all this plus serve as chairman of the Boy's State committee, head up the Policemen and Firefighters Awards dinner and serve on a host of other committees.



The Dept. of Colorado has rolled out a 29-foot long van that's busy traveling throughout the state telling the Legion's story. The \$25,000 van is being used in such things as membership recruiting, starting new Posts, public relations, parades and community service. The van is on loan to the Legion with many Colorado Posts and individuals making contributions toward the operating costs.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES



Cdr. Robert Rippel of Post 139, New Philadelphia, OH, is surrounded by 50 new flags, symbolic of the 50 Americans being held hostage in Iran. Thieves stole the original 50 that were on the front lawn of the post. This time Rippel nailed the flags to the porch. (Photo courtesy The Times Reporter)

Legion Joins National Foundation To Wipe Out Reye's Syndrome

Working under mandated authority of its National Commission on Children & Youth and in close cooperation with the Michigan-based National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, the Legion and its Auxiliary have mounted an offensive in the battle to combat Reye's Syndrome—a killer disease of children.

Reye's Syndrome (pronounced "rye") is a complication of a viral infection—the flu, measles, chicken pox—whose cause, cure and prevention are unknown. It is swift and deadly. In a matter of days it can kill or cripple nearly half its victims.

Since the key to surviving Reye's lies in early detection and treatment, the Legion has joined forces with the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation to increase the public's awareness of the disease.

Usually, a child appears to be recovering from the flu, or other viral infection, when the first signs of Reye's occur. Recurrent, relentless vomiting is almost always the first sign. It may be followed by personality changes, headache and restlessness. Typically, within 24 to 48

hours, varying degrees of coma ensue. It is usually a matter of three to five days from the onset to coma and death, if it is to occur.

A child who is recovering from a viral illness should be observed carefully. If a parent suspects Reye's, they should immediately contact a physician or take the child to a hospital emergency room. Quick action is imperative in order to give the Reye's victim the greatest opportunity for recovery.

The findings of medical professionals is that Reye's, itself, is not contagious. But the viral infection which precedes Reye's is contagious.

The Legion's major thrust in regard to RS has been educational. National Headquarters has distributed more than 30,000 brochures to its Posts and their Units. As a result of the Legion's efforts, "some 750,000 to 1.2 million people have learned about RS and know where they can refer to for information that will give them knowledge on symptoms to look for," said John W. Dieckman, president of the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation.

Project World War I Uncovers Benefits

A program recently completed by the Los Angeles Regional Office of the VA in conjunction with The American Legion reaped unexpected—but impressive—results for WWI veterans in the area.

Titled "Project World War I," it reviewed the benefit status of every WWI veteran in the area of the Los Angeles Regional Office for whom the office had a record.

They found many WWI veterans were not receiving all the benefits to which they were entitled. Of 1,940 WWI veterans interviewed, 238 subsequently received increases in their service-connected disability compensation. The total dollar increases computed on a yearly basis will come to almost \$800,000.

Freedom Bell Finds A Permanent Home

Ground breaking ceremonies for the permanent home of the "Freedom Bell" were held recently in conjunction with The American Legion's 20th annual Washington Conference.

A gift of the Legion on behalf of the nation's children, the "Freedom Bell" was a major exhibit of the American Freedom Train that toured the nation during its bicentennial year, and is to be permanently housed in front of the National Visitor's Center in Washington.

The bell is twice the size of the Liberty Bell, weighs eight tons and was cast in The Netherlands.

Nat. Cdr. Frank I. Hamilton presided at the ground breaking ceremonies.

Home Loan Eligibility

GI Bill home loan eligibility can be used an unlimited number of times provided the veteran applicant has no outstanding VA guaranteed loan. More than 10 million home loans have been guaranteed since 1944.

Vietnam Veterans

Of the nine million living armed forces veterans who served during the Vietnam era, 32 percent had duty in the Vietnam theater of operations.

VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration, Information Service, Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. May a veteran obtain a VA guaranteed loan on a home which appraises lower than the sales price?

A. Yes. Provided the veteran pays the difference in cash from his own resources without borrowing. VA will not guarantee a loan in excess of the appraised value of the property.

Q. If I receive Veterans Administration benefit payments may I have my premiums for Veterans Group Life Insurance deducted from my benefit check?

A. No. Premiums must be paid by you directly to the office of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance.

Q. If I am rated "zero" percent for a service connected disability, am I entitled to a civil service preference letter?

A. Veterans with an established service connected disability of "zero" percent or more are entitled to receive eligibility certification for civil service preference.

Q. I am a former member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Am I eligible for a pension from the Veterans Administration?

A. No. You are, however, entitled to VA hospitalization, domiciliary and nursing home care and burial benefits provided by VA.

Q. I am a GI Bill student in need of some help from a tutor and I understand the Veterans Administration provides such help. Will these extra payments reduce the GI Bill time I have coming to me?

A. No. VA will pay up to \$69 a month for tutoring, to a maximum amount of \$828, with no charge against your basic entitlement to training.

Q. Must I take my Veterans Administration insurance dividend in cash or do I have other options?

A. There are several dividend options available to NSLI and USGLI policy holders other than cash. For full information contact your nearest VA regional office.

SHORT TAKES

Kids dug up more than 4,000 plastic Easter eggs with prize slips inside that had been buried on beaches around Seaside Heights, NJ by members of Post 351. The Post's 26th annual Easter Egg Hunt also included one beach set aside for handicapped youngsters participating in the event.

The community Christmas lights of Philmont, NY this year were dedicated to the more than 1,300 United States servicemen still listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia thanks to the efforts of Legionnaires from Post 252.

Lubbock, TX Legionnaires from Post 575 have continued their support of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center kidney fund with a \$500 donation. The fund was established to help meet the costs of medicine and treatment necessary for the care of needy children with kidney malfunctions.

With the help of the Johnson & Johnson Co., members of Post 1039 in Central Islip, NY have donated more than \$5,000 worth of medical kits and flashlights to the community's senior citizens.

TAPS

The Taps Notices mention, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States Government, or other forms of national prominence.

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Howard Charles Dulin, France Department Commander (1966-67), Department Vice Commander (1953-54) and Department Adjutant (1952-53, 64-66) died in France.

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Harold N. Ferris, CO Department Commander (1948-49) and Department Vice Commander (1946-47) died in Colorado.

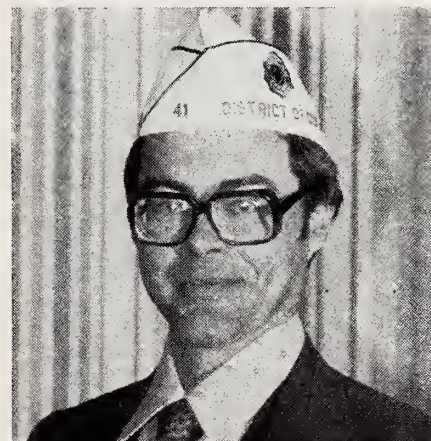
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Arthur H. Pigors, MI Department Vice Commander (1968-69) died in Michigan.

■
Hugh B. Cunningham, PA Department Vice Commander (1964-65) died in Pennsylvania.



Members of Dilley, TX Post 444 recently spearheaded a fund raising drive that netted the community's Emergency Medical Service an automatic cardiopulmonary resuscitator called "Little Thumper." Mrs. Lena Crawford demonstrates the device to Dilley Mayor R. O. Crawford, Post Cdr. Alejandro Bergara and Post Adj. V. B. Grossie.

Cdr. Deveraux Slain In Washington Park



William R. Deveraux

William R. Deveraux, 37, Dept. Cdr. of the District of Columbia, was found dead of gunshot wounds in Malcolm X Park in Washington, DC, January 24. Robbery was the apparent motive, police said.

Deveraux, a Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam, was described by Nat. Cdr. Frank I. Hamilton as "a brilliant young man who had a love of country and a dedication to The American Legion as Cdr. of the DC Department. His efforts were just beginning to surface in increasing The American Legion membership within the District of Columbia."

A reward of more than \$5,000 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who killed Deveraux.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #____, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

USS Mt. Vernon, William H. Callahan is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that he was injured during a capture of an alleged spy while on board ship on January 18, 1918. Contact CID 635

185th Combat Engrs. Edward Eugene Owens is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Enjee Valley, Korea in Sept. 1951, he was attacked and assaulted by a U.S. Marine. Contact CID 647

USS Macomb (DMS 23). Ulus Warner, Jr. needs witnesses to verify a claim that in late 1952 or 1953 while stationed at San Juan, P.R. he suffered a head wound from a fight with three gunners on duty on guard deck. Contact CID 648

"A" Co., 405th Inf., 102nd Division. Robert P. Bryan, Sr. is seeking witnesses to verify a claim in November 1945 while stationed at Wirsberg, Germany, he suffered injury in a truck accident. Contact CID 649

43rd Armored Inf., 2nd Armored Division. Nicholas Sawka is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that during the winter of 1951-52 while stationed at Raumholder, Germany he fell in a hole in a concrete floor and injured his back. Contact CID 650

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

Francis Bunch, Mike A. Robles, Roman M. Rodriguez (1979), Post 48, San Manuel, AZ
Dr. John W. Pfluke, J. Edward Radley (1978), Edward P. Arterburn, Robert L. Derry, John A. Gelish, Wayne S. Goodspeed, Kenneth A. Hill, Earl E. Spahnower, Richard C. Willis (1979), Post 2, Peoria, IL

Dino V. Petten, Zeff DiSalvo (1979), Post 974, Franklin Park, IL

Melvin L. Melcher (1978), John Gottschling (1979), Post 20, Crown Point, IN

Norman F. Tlachac (1979), Post 28, Grand Haven, MI

Alvin C. Hofstedt, Emil A. Kobb, Russell W. Naumann, Norman T. Nelson (1979), Post 203, St. Paul, MN

William D. Rowland, Antone C. Mezeil, Ballard M. Collins, Louis Angotti (1980), Post 598, Kansas City, MO

Edward P. Stevenson (1979), Post 88, Highland Park, NJ

Basil V. Godlno, John Schaeffer, Philip Martino, Eugene Brehm, Vincent Billi, Cedric Brown, Daniel McKillop (1980), Post 28, South Ozone Park, NY

Vito N. D'Erasmo, Louis Savino, Michael Sancharico (1980), Post 143, Bronx, NY

Terry K. Biglow, Emmett Levi, George Schoell, Franklin Summers (1980), Post 264, Tonawanda, NY

Anthony Cerniglia, Charles Fried (1980), Post 886, Woodside, NY

Donald H. Milks (1980), Post 1593, South Dayton, NY

Karl G. Ley, Jr. (1962), James F. D'Angelo, Edward F. Duross (1974), Salvatore A. Aiello, Walter Lewis (1979), Post 925, Philadelphia, PA

Life Memberships are accepted for publication only on official form, which we provide. Reports received only from Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer of Post which awarded the life membership.

They may get form by sending stamped, self-addressed return envelope to:

"L.M. Form American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

On a corner of the return envelope write the number of names you wish to report. No written letter necessary to get forms.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given.

Notices accepted on official forms only. For form send stamped, addressed return envelope to O. R. Form, American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46206. Notices should be received at least five months before scheduled reunion. No written letter necessary to get form.

Army

1st Intransit Dep. Gp., 1st Post Intransit Dep. Sq. WWII ETO (June). George A. Chism, 224 Cumberland Ave., Louisville, KY 40214 (502) 368-9842

1st Special Service Force Assn. (Aug-Helena, MT). Emil P. Eschenberg, 2108 8th Ave., Helena, MT 59601

2nd Arm'd Div. WWII (July-San Diego, CA). Milton Feir, 2255 26th St., Santa Monica, CA 90405

2nd Inf. Div., Mid-Atlantic Branch (April). John McGuire, 728 Alder St., Scranton, PA 18505

5th Arm'd Div. Assn. (Aug-Minneapolis, MN). Mrs. Claire Watrous, 8549 Lowell St., St. Louis, MO 63147 (314) 867-8308

5th Engr. Combat Vets WWII (Aug-Wilkes Barre, PA). Edmund Podczaski, Rd. 2 Westminster Rd., Wilkes Barre, PA 18702

9th Ordnance Co. (MM) (Aug-Phoenix, AZ). Tony Boben, 3535 Kip St., Philadelphia, PA 19134 (215) 426-3558

13th Port (June-New York, NY). Harold L. Bressler, 4105 Beechwood Ln., Harrisburg, PA 17112 (717) 787-1086

19th Station Hospital (June-Albany, MN). Leslie Pratt, Box 143A, Albany, MN 56307 (612) 845-2752

24th Evac. Hospital WWII (July-Tampa, FL). Robert Huenefeld, 68 E. Torrence, Columbus, OH 43214 (614) 263-8595

24th Inf. Div. Assn. (Aug-Pittsburgh, PA). Kenwood Ross, 120 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01103 (413) 733-3194

29th Air Service Gp., 13th Air Force (July-Cocoa Beach, FL). Frank Pace, 315 W. 15th St., Dover, OH 44622 (216) 343-7855

34th Signal Co., 34th Inf. Div. WWII (August). Stan Burghardt, P.O. Box 73, Watertown, SD 57201

36th Division Assn. (Aug-Dallas, TX). L. E. Wilkerson, 11121 Visalia Dr., Dallas, TX 75228 (214) 328-5589

45th General Hospital (June-Richmond, VA). Frank Zahemski, 244 Maryland Ave., Paterson, NJ 07503 (201) 278-4543

49th Ftr. Sq., 14th Ftr. Gp. WWII (Aug-Reno, NV). Sheril D. Huff, 3200 Chetwood Dr., Del City, OK 73115 (405) 677-2683

51st Station Hospital (Aug-Chattanooga, TN). Robert E. Snyder, 1608 Union Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37404 (615) 629-6043

69th Inf. Division (Aug-New Orleans, LA). Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, PA 15068 (412) 335-3224

70th Inf. Division (Trailblazer) (Aug-Lexington, KY). Frank J. Moran, 2447 Jefferson Blvd., Hagerstown, MD 21740 (301) 733-4767

75th Bomb Sq., 42nd Bomb Gp., 13th Air Force (Aug-Lincoln, NE). Harold Wulf, 4844 Martin St., Lincoln, NE 68504 (402) 466-6784

78th Div. Vets Assn. (July-Washington, DC). Charles Camp, 160 Talbot St., Apt. A-3, Rockville, MD 20852

80th Div. Vets Assn. (Aug-Cleveland, OH). Joseph Coniglio, 4191 W. 22nd St., Cleveland, OH 44109

81st Inf. Div. (Wildcats) WWII (Aug-Chicago, IL). Robert M. Schwehs, 2842 S. Emerald Ave., Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 225-4062

83rd Chemical Mortar Bn. (June-Williamsburg, VA). Willard A. Smith, 1128 Raven Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15243 (412) 279-5007

84th Inf. Div. (Railsplitter) (Aug-Portland, OR). Bob Polich, 850 SW Troy St., Portland, OR 97219

92nd & 93rd Inf. Div. (May-Ft. Huachuca, AZ). Albert F. Hinton, OCPA, Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85613 (602) 538-2716

95th Inf. Div. Assn. (Aug-Minneapolis, MN). Theodore Nelson, P.O. Box 1274, Chicago, IL 60690 (312) 798-6761

113th AAA Gun Bn. (Aug-Sturgis, MI). Marvin Hake, 2526 Pine Tree Rd., Holt, MI 48842 (517) 694-9907

115th Cavalry WWII (Aug-Ocean Shores, WA). Jake Benshoof, 10200 N. Barr Ave., Portland, OR 97203 (503) 286-3453

137th Arm'd Ord. Main. Bn., 16th Arm'd Div.

(Aug-Cleveland, TN). William A. McBroom, 629 Marlboro Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37412 (615) 622-7128

138th F.A. Bn., 198th F.A. Bn. WWII & Korea (Aug-Louisville, KY). Lynn M. Raque, 3733 Mamaronck Rd., Louisville, KY 40218 (502) 458-9057

150th Engr. Bn. (May-Portsmouth, NH). Bill Morrissey, 16 Shirley Ave., Goffstown, NH 03045 (603) 497-2321

178th Combat Engr. (Aug-Nashville, TN). Pierce Butler, 3726 Richland Ave., Nashville, TN 37205 (615) 292-5878

190th F.A. Gp. Assn. WWII (July-Lancaster, PA). Wes Duttinger, P.O. Box 111, Sunbury, PA 17801 (717) 286-2708

202nd MP Co. II Corps (Aug-Chattanooga, TN). Fr. William A. Patterson, St. Monica Church, 4252 Pine St., New Boston, OH 45662

235th F.A. Obsr. Bn. (Aug-Madison, WI). Jack Barber, 504 Crestview Dr., Madison, WI 53716 (608) 222-7239

242nd & 268th F.A. Bn. (Aug-Kearney, NE). Francis C. Grimes, Box 166, Milford, NE 68405 (308) 761-2891

253rd Arm'd F.A. (Aug-New Castle, IN). Eugene Vaughn, 350 Park Ave., New Castle, IN 47362

274th Inf. Regt. (Aug-Lexington, KY). Robert Cheves, 241 NE 34th St., Miami, FL 33137 (305) 573-8444

314th Inf. Assn. WWII (July-Lincoln, NE). Ray Kubie, 824 S. 51st, Lincoln, NE 68510

315th Inf. Regt. Assn. WWII (Aug-Richmond, VA). Francis G. Oczko, 144 N. 6th St., New Hyde Park, NY 11040 (516) 352-7554

357th Searchlight Bn. (Aug-Orlando, FL). Vince Totera, 1326 Mesa Dr., (High Point), Orlando, FL 32807 (305) 275-6468

401st Bomb Gp., 8th Air Force (Aug-San Francisco, CA). Ralph W. Trout, P.O. Box 22044, Tampa, FL 33622

435th AAA Bn. Assn. (Aug-Nashville, TN). William R. Carey, 63 Newhall St., Lynn, MA 01902 (617) 599-3933

435th Signal Bn. (June-Bowling Green, KY). Harry Bobbitt, 2718 Smallhouse Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101 (502) 843-6918

454th BS (M), 323rd BG, Marauders WWII (July-Hampton, VA). Joe Havrilla, 1208 Margaret St., Munhall, PA 15120 (412) 461-6373

460th Amphibious DUKW Co. (June-Memphis, TN). Earl Cooper, 849 Isabelle St., Memphis, TN 37379 (901) 458-9336

483rd Bomb Gp. (Heavy) (July-Denver, CO). Philip A. Luetke, 565 Madison Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 (419) 248-3100

497th AAA Gun Bn. (Aug-Lynchburg, VA). LaVerne E. Huschka, 2141 E. Memorial Dr., Janesville, WI 53545 (608) 754-6039

513th Engr. Light Pontoon Co. (Aug-Montgomery, AL). Z. O. Riddle Jr., 112 Beth Manor Dr., Prattville, AL 36967 (205) 365-4568

529th Fighter Sq. (Aug-Minneapolis, MN). Basil A. Herbst R 8, Box 175, Brainerd, MN 56401 (218) 829-2922

552nd M.P.E.G. Co. WWII (Aug-Lancaster, PA). Joseph T. Meyer, 56 Harris St., Patchogue, NY 11772 (516) 475-4438

661st Tank Destroyer Bn. (Aug-New Orleans, LA). William A. Beswick, P.O. Box 576, West Point, VA 23181

672nd Amphibian Tractor Bn. (Aug-Newton, MA). Louis A. Kosciak, 43 Leland Rd., Whitinsville, MA 01588 (617) 234-3184

692nd Tank Destroyer Bn. (July-Belfield, ND). Don K. Crawford, Rd. 2, Millville, PA 17846 (717) 458-5343

717th Tank Bn. Assn. (Aug-Atlanta, GA). Ernest W. Smith, 111 Clifton Dr., Athens, GA 30606 (404) 543-3226

726th MP Bn. WWII (April-Alexandria, LA). Walter T. Ross Jr., P.O. Box 726, Flomot, TX 79234 (806) 469-5280

742nd MP Bn. Assn. (Aug-St. Paul, MN). Russ Rozenburg, 1757 Sheridan Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116 (612) 699-4843

754th Tank Bn. WWII (July-Albany, NY). Michael J. Stepien, 122 Churchill St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 (412) 771-0510

776th Tank Destroyer Bn. (July-Colorado Springs, CO). Henry M. Jackson, Box 205, Holyoke, CO 80734 (303) 854-2732

777th Tank Bn. (Aug-New Orleans, LA). Vernon J. Wirth, 8330 W. Concordia Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53222

808th Tank Destroyer Bn. (Aug-Omaha, NE). Chet Norwin, 32991 Pineview Ct., Warren, MI 48093 (313) 979-8958

811th Tank Destroyer Bn. WWII (Aug-Columbus, OH). Ernest A. Corrado, 1302, Shanley Dr., Columbus, OH 43224 (419) 268-2619

841st Engr. Bn. WWII (Aug-Pittsburgh, PA). Thomas D. Farrow, 700 Worthington Ave., McKeesport, PA 15132 (412) 751-3242

Army — Reunions

872nd A/B Engr. Bn. (May). Roy M. Lee, Lee Ave., Leitchfield, KY 42754 (502) 259-3207

989th F.A. Bn. (Aug-Madison, IN). Louis Heilman, 1938 Van Buren, Madison, IN 47250 (812) 273-3076

993rd Engr., Treadway Bridge Co. (Aug-Galena, MO). Harold D. Dunkak, 7131 NW Berkley Dr., Kansas City, MO 64152

1986th Engr. Avn. Bn. (Elko Engr) WWII (June-Grand Rapids, MI). Victor Lechowicz, 719 Taylor Ave., Avalon, PA 15202 (412) 761-7592

"A, B, C," Cos., 235th Hqs. OBSN Bn. Korean Conflict (Aug-Madison, WI). Jack Barber, 504 Crestview Dr., Madison, WI 53716 (608) 222-7239

"B" Co., 850th Engr. AVN. Bn. (May-Savannah, GA). Al Quantz, 533 N. Harvey, Westland, MI 48185 (313) 728-1891

"C" Co., 835th Engr. Aviation Bn. (July-Chanute, KS). Paul T. Brennecke, 211 W. Main, Chanute, KS 66720

"E" Co., 338th Inf., 85th Div. (Aug-Springfield, MA). Bertram M. Horne, 40 Covington St., Springfield, MA 01119 (413) 782-0088

"E" Co., 409th Inf., 103rd Inf. Div. (Aug-San Angelo, TX). J. K. Feeny, Box 4623, El Paso, TX 79924 (915) 751-5556

"E" Co., 728th Ord. Co., 103rd QM Regt., 28th Inf. Div. WWII (August). Vernon L. Miller, 119 W. Middle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

"I" Co., 63rd Inf., 6th Inf. Div. (Aug-Estes Park, CO). William L. West, 9213 Wabaday, Overland, MO 63114 (314) 427-0335

"MM" Co., 37th Ordnance (July-Allentown, PA). Tony Gales, 218 Radcliffe St., Pittsburgh, PA 15204 (412) 331-6914

"MM" Co., 127th Ordnance (July-Portsmouth, VA). George D. Williams, 4210 Race St., Portsmouth, VA 23707 (804) 397-9582

"MM" Co., 309th Ordnance (Aug-Iowa City, IA). Dale Ressler, RR 5, Box 4, Iowa City, IA 52240 (319) 351-2191

"F" Troop, 124th Cavalry (July-Mineral Wells, TX). Hugh B. Warren, Star Route, Box 56, Mineral Wells, TX 76067 (817) 325-3193

Hqs. & "A" Btry., 147th Field Arty. (Later 260th F.A.) (Aug-Aberdeen, SD). Bob Gill, 1419 S. 3rd St., Aberdeen, SD 57401 (605) 225-7657

Hqs. Btry., 73rd Arm'd F.A. Bn., 9th Arm'd Div. (July-Gilbertsville, KY). Rudolph Merck, Box 204, RD #2, Jeannette, PA 15644

Hqs. Btry., 331st F.A. Bn., 86th Div. (July-Pittsburgh, PA). Robert Thon, 453 Columbia St., Cumberland, MD 21502 (301) 722-7652

Hqs. & Hqs. Btry., 8th Inf. Div. Arty. WWII (May). James C. Woolley, 1011 Cliff Pl., Baltimore, MD 21126 (301) 255-6955

Hqs. Co., 108th Inf. (July-Fremont, OH). Wayne N. Miller, 1170 W. Wayne, Lima, OH 45805 (513) 228-9418

Hqs. Co., 109th Q.M. (Aug-Aberdeen, SD). C. L. Koch, 1817 Eisenhower Cir., Aberdeen, SD 57401 (605) 229-0142

H & S Co., A,B,C,D Cos., 1906th Aviation Engr. Bn. (July). Arthur C. Burgdorf, 207 Wall St., Michigan City, IN 46360 (219) 874-7969

Cannon Co., 129th Inf., 37th Div. (August). Eugene J. O'Hara, 3328 Garretson Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106 (712) 276-2426

Liaison #3, Hqs. 325th F.A., 84th Inf. Div. (July-Falls Church, VA). J. D. Herman, 2204 Boxwood Dr., Falls Church, VA 22043 (703) 532-8277

ND 164th Anti-Tank & Tank Co. (July). John C. Keller, 317 Adams Ave., Harvey, ND 58341

P-40 Warhawk Pilots Assn. (July-Dayton, OH). Lloyd Hatcock, 34 College Ave., Dayton, OH 45407 (223) 513-8432

Persian Gulf Command Vets Organ. (July-Bloomington, IL). Rudolph Emmering, 4050 N. Firestone Dr., Hoffman Estates, IL 60195

Stalag 17B EX POW (July-Las Vegas, NV). Orlo G. Natvig, E. Clark St. Road 4, Charles City, IA 50616 (515) 228-2351

Navy

7th Naval Constr. Bn. (July-Ft. Lauderdale, FL). Charles H. Davis, 45-64 NW 16th Ter., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 (305) 772-8141

31st Special Seabees (July). Raymond C. Jensen, 508 Baker Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613 (319) 277-4014

52nd Naval Constr. Bn. (Aug-Minneapolis, MN). Carl M. Nelson, 1226 Jefferson NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413 (218) 379-8719

60th Seabee Assn. (Aug-Amama, IA). V. A. Kellogg, 4664 Parkridge St., Des Moines, IA 50317

64th Seabees WWII (July-Ft. Worth, TX). Mel

T. Griffin, 5663 S. Pittsburg, Tulsa, OK 74135 (918) 627-2813

96th Constr. Bn., 589th, 590th, 613th, 1048th, 350th Units (Aug-Green Bay, WI). Leroy Jameson, 116 Oakwood Ct., Oconto Falls, WI 54154 (414) 846-8181

115th Naval Constr. Bn. (July-Columbus, OH). Edward C. Plummer, 5023 E. Naomi St., Indianapolis, IN 46203 (317) 359-6990

Aviation Boatswain Mates Assn. (July-Pensacola, FL). Harry Johnson, 6520 Colonade Cir., Pensacola, FL 32506 (904) 456-8201

CUB 10 (June-St. Petersburg, FL). C. B. Snelling, 11300 Bluff Creek Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73132 (405) 722-0805

LSM 117 WWII (June-Covington, KY). Theodore W. Volding, 120 N. 7th St., Rochelle, IL 61068 (815) 562-8073

LST 122 (August). Odie Schramm, 12725 Timber Dune Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417 (842) 025-6161

LST 177 (July). Vincint Mongiello, 201 W. Venango St., Mercer, PA 16137 (412) 662-3061

LST 639 (July). Harry R. Sams, 17791 5th St., RD #1, Beloit, OH 44609 (216) 938-2449

LST 980 (Aug-Marietta, OH). Leonard Parsons, 1006 3rd St., Marietta, OH 45750 (614) 373-1285

Tin Can Sailors (Aug-Philadelphia, PA). Edward J. Ward, Tin Can Sailors, Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA 02726 (617) 675-7219

U.S. Naval Cryptologic Vets Assn. (July-Eugene, OR). Grayton Lewis, 3421 Stark St., Eugene, OR 97404 (503) 689-0721

USS Ashtabula (AO 51) (Aug-Ashtabula, OH). Jack Brown, 2178 Lancaster-Thornville Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130 (614) 654-1622

USS Balao (SS 285) (Aug-St. Louis, MO). Merrill P. Edson, 9720 Waters Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118 (206) 723-9228

USS Belle Grove (LSD 2) (July). Joe W. Bledsoe, 194 Pinegrove Dr., Bellbrook, OH 45305 (513) 848-2855

USS Benner (DD 807) (July). C. N. Whitfield, Box 53, Snow Hill, NC 28580 (919) 747-3031

USS Birmingham (Aug-Iowa City, IA). Leslie J. Perkins, Morning Sun, IA 52640 (319) 868-7665

USS Blueback (SS 326) (Aug-St. Louis, MO). Byron P. Kennedy, P.O. Box 1592, Anthony, TX 88021 (915) 886-3496

USS Chantrelure (AV 10) (Aug-Medford, OR). Kenneth E. Boyd, Rt. 4 Box 145, Culpeper, VA 22701 (703) 854-5076

USS Chemung (July-Nashville, TN). Edythe J. Hawkins, P.O. Box 5157, Chattanooga, TN 37406 (615) 698-8914

USS Damato (DDE 871) (1952-56) (July-Evansville, IN). Robert J. Seiler, 4619 New Harmony Rd., Evansville, IN 47712 (812) 425-1155

USS Feland (PA 11) (Aug-Oklahoma City, OK). A. L. Jeffreys, 3700 S. Olle, Oklahoma City, OK 73109 (405) 631-1827

USS Foreman (DE 633) (Aug-St. Louis, MO). George L. Pennell, 425 E. 2nd St., Trenton, IL 62293 (618) 224-7163

USS General H. W. Butner (AP 113) (May-Fredericksburg, VA). L. A. McConnell, Rt. 10 Box 379, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (703) 786-4015

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USS Knapp (DD 653) (July-Oak Brook, IL). Francis Wickenheiser, 1109 Pleasure Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601 (717) 393-4713

USS Little Rock Assn. (Aug-Buffalo, NY). Al W. Kruegelbach, 8412 Jericho Way, Plain City, OH 43064 (614) 879-6800

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USS Melville (AD 2) (July-Winter Park, FL). James H. West, 4 Melbourne Ln., Greenville, SC 29615 (803) 244-0675

USS Melvin (DD 680) (July-Cleveland, OH). Henry Rosypal, 316 E. Vine St., Millville, NJ 08332 (609) 825-0280

USS North Carolina Battleship Assn. (June-Wilmington, NC). Alton H. Starling, 10839 Hampton Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32217 (904) 268-3813

USS Pittsburgh Assn. (July-Pittsburgh, PA). J. C. Ayers, P.O. Box 74, Wildwood, GA 30757 (404) 820-2360

USS Preston (DD 795) (August). Vernon Jividen, 3794 Remsen Rd., Medina, OH 44256 (216) 723-2201

USS Salinas (AO 19). (July-Seattle, WA). Ted G. Love, 117 Rancho Villa, Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 529-2438

USS Scott (DE 214) (July-Iron Mountain, MI). Virgil E. Yoakam, RR #1, Alger, OH 45812 (419) 634-3127

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USS Venus (AK 135) (July). F. H. Maschler, Sr., Rt. 1, Box 120M, Louisburg, KS 66053

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USS Wasp (CV 7) (Stinger Club, Inc.) (July). George Greene, 412 N. Green St., Morganton, NC 28655 (704) 437-4047

USS Weehawken (CM 12) (June-Williamsburg, VA). Granville F. Peach, 617 Holly Hill Dr., Brielle, NJ 08730 (201) 528-7851

USS Whitehurst (DE 634) WWII (June-Norfolk, VA). Jon Shaver, 104 N. Oxalis Dr., Orlando, FL 32807

Yangtze River Patrol Assn. (April-Galveston, TX). John E. Musick, 5208 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77550

Air Force

10th Air Depot Gp. Assn. ETO (Aug-Kalamazoo, MI). William V. Bowman, 3844 Waterbury Dr., Dayton, OH 45439 (513) 299-2775

10th Troop Carrier Sq., 60th Tr. Carrier Gp. (July-Covington, KY). John Diamantakos, 7216 Pine Tree Ln., Fairfield, AL 35064 (205) 923-2323

19th Bombardment Gp. & Wing (July). Herbert A. Frank, 90-13 201st St., Hollis, NY 11423 (212) 465-5740

33rd Photo Recon. Sq. WWII (July). Leo Shelton, 610 W. Michigan Ave., Hammond, LA 70401 (504) 345-4253

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68th Fighter Sq. WWII (August). John Terry, 607 Hickory Dr., Lafayette, LA 70503 (318) 984-0841

319th Bomb Gp. (July-Atlanta, GA). Harold E. Oyster, 662 Deering Dr., Akron, OH 44313 (216) 836-4716

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494th Bomb Gp., 864th, 865th, 866th, 867th Sqs. WWII (May-Scottsdale, AZ). Alfred Restuccia, 100 Willard St., W. Quincy, MA 02169

586th Bomb Sq. WWII (July-Memphis, TN). Col. Joe Silk, 139 Point Circle, Jupiter, FL 33458 (305) 746-7898

1536th Ordnance S&M Co. (New Guinea) WWII (July-Louisville, KY). N. C. Frankel, 1609 Almarra Cir., Louisville, KY 40205 (502) 459-1051

6147th Tactical Control Gp. (Mosquitos) (July). Ed J. Damico, 2408 Cabot Ave., Erie, PA 16511 (814) 456-9922

Marines

12th Defense Bn. (Aug-Atlanta, GA). Martin R. Valdez, 680 Casimira Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 489-6036

"C" Co., 1st Corps., M.T. Bn. (Aug-Cincinnati, OH). Roman Lumme, 4815 Slade Dr., Fairfield, OH 45015 (513) 863-3399

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American Ex-Prisoners of War (Texas) (May-El Paso, TX). Lorenzo Frias, 3034 Yearwood, El Paso, TX 79935 (915) 591-4087

"H" Co., 155th Inf., 31st Inf. Div. (National Guard Reserve) (July-Corinth, MS). William R. Stewart, Rt. 7, Box 213, Corinth, MS 38834 (601) 286-2671

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Change In Washington's Mood

Revival of the "cold war" with the U.S.S.R., following the Russian takeover of Afghanistan, has changed the atmosphere in Washington from desultory debate over SALT II and limiting the power of our nuclear weaponry to a sizzling controversy over beefing up our nation's military capability.

The mood in the nation's capital began to undergo a noticeable change following the "student" seizure of the American embassy in Iran. The general feeling that the United States, for all its nuclear might, lacked sufficient strike force potential to rescue the American mission unharmed, enraged Congress. The Afghanistan grab silenced—or muted—even the most ardent doves on Capitol Hill.

Whether or not they agree with President Carter drawing the line against the Russians in the Persian Gulf region, the members of Congress generally feel that for our own national interest Moscow's expansion must be halted at some point. Now Congress is in a hot and heavy argument how best to mobilize the nation's manpower, industry and resources in case the renewed cold war ignites into confrontation and conflict.

Trouble in Fidel's Paradise

After 20 years of force-feeding Cuba with the Communist way of life, Fidel Castro is learning that some of his 9.9 million people are fed up. In spite of the tight controls, leaflets have surfaced denouncing Castro's repressive rule, short rations and fighting of Moscow's battles in Africa.

Castro gets a \$4 billion a year handout from Russia, and in partial repayment, Cuba—at Moscow's behest—has sent an estimated 45,000 soldiers off to fight anti-Red guerrillas in Ethiopia and Angola. The reports are that one out of five will never make it home. Cuban "volunteers" in Africa can't return without Moscow's permission.

Fidel has been flying high in recent months as chairman of the so-called non-aligned Third World movement, but Russia's invasion of Afghanistan killed his hopes of being elected to the UN Security Council. Disappointed, he returned to Cuba to take over most of the top ministries himself because he didn't like the way his lieutenants were running things.

White-Collar Workers Wanted in '80s

The decade of the 1980s will bring 20 million new jobs into our economy, and more than half will be filled by white-collar workers, according to estimates made by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The fastest growing segment of this labor group are the clerical employees, including typists, secretaries, bookkeepers, cashiers and bank tellers.

Although the demand for professional personnel is also expected to expand over the next 10 years, especially in the field of health services, the upcoming supply of law graduates may be greater than the need for lawyers, as forecast by BLS. Quick-service groceries and fast-food restaurants will provide more self-employment opportunities.

For the blue-collar worker, the '80s will bring more

jobs in construction and transportation. Best chances of all for gainful employment, however, will be in the service occupations, BLS predicts.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Protecting Our Interests—"An attempt by any outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the United States. It will be repelled by use of any means necessary, including military force." President Jimmy Carter.

What Afghanistan Shows Us—"It demonstrates that the Soviet Union has no real commitment to the principles of territorial integrity, self-determination and non-alignment when these principles conflict with its perception of its interests." Donald F. McHenry, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Headed For War—"There is danger of war. We are living through one of those periods when world balance depends on the level-headedness of a few men." Pres. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, France.

Soviet War Machine—"... Not only has the military balance between us deteriorated, but the Soviets have now built a war machine far beyond any reasonable requirements for their own defense and security. We and our allies must not only halt this steady deterioration, we must reverse the trend and improve the balance." Sec'y of Defense Harold Brown.

Plea From Iran—"I have no idea what is being done—or can be done—but I strongly urge you to help us." Robert C. Ode, hostage, U.S. Embassy, Teheran, Iran.

Learning From History—"History is not... a cookbook offering pre-tested recipes. It teaches by analogy, not by maxims." Henry Kissinger, former Sec'y of State.

Reviving Public Policy—"Public policy must permit the emergence of new enterprises, new technologies and new social structures rather than relying on our tired old corporate dinosaurs and government bureaucrats to pull out of the morass into which they have sunk and dragged the rest of us." Robert B. Zevin, v.p., U.S. Trust Co.

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Inadequate Defense Spending—"Some see the defense budget as a kind of grab bag, a bonanza that can be raided for more politically rewarding income support programs—or housing projects—or any of a host of other federal projects. It would be tragic were we to attempt to substitute subsidy for security." House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes, AZ.

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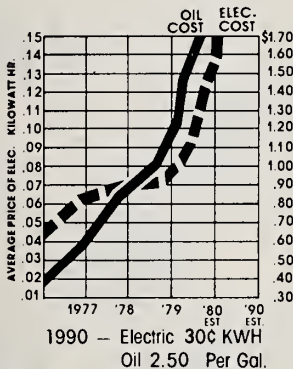
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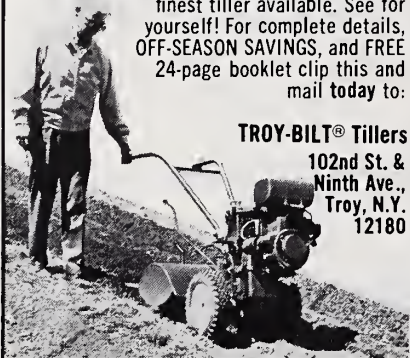
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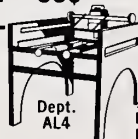
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Plan Vacation With A Sharp Pencil

You don't need a crystal ball to tell that vacations away from home will be expensive this year, even if you shave the frills. Here's how the travel and hotel people currently assess the situation.

- Vacation trips will be shorter—"mini vacations." Moreover, travelers probably will stay put once they have arrived at their destinations because zig-zagging and side trips add to costs.
- Rail and bus travel will increase appreciably. Though the fares for ground travel are up, too, it's still a money-saver.
- Hotel and motel rates will reflect increases in operating costs—meaning that hikes of 10-15 percent should be expected. Also, accommodations will be tightest and most expensive at rail, bus and airline terminal points. Travel may not be as smooth or luxurious as in the past. Airlines are cutting down on schedules to increase payloads, while bus and rail companies are short of new equipment.
- Foreign travel will be especially costly because of steeply rising transportation costs. Another factor: the continuing devalued state of the dollar in many areas.
- Package and charter tours are one way to hold travel expenses down, especially abroad. But prices are not as firm as they once were. You're apt to be tagged with surcharges; you may have to settle for lesser accommodations; and cancellations are possible if the tour is not filled to a profitable level. So have backup plans ready.

Is The Consumer Price Index In Error?

As you know by this time, consumer prices rose 13.3 percent last year, as measured by the Consumer Price Index ("cost-of-living index" or CPI). But now more and more economists are saying that the 13.3 percent is too high, and probably overstates what really happened by as much as two percentage points.

If this sounds like a boring debate to you, don't dismiss it lightly. Your wages, pension and Social Security may ride on the outcome, because:

1. If the CPI is deemed too high, then wage and pension payments geared to it must also be considered too high, and might need revisions;
2. Experiments with alternate measurements are in the works. Furthermore, you can expect that the matter will come up in future wage and pension discussions.

Why is the CPI being criticized? In a nutshell: it measures housing costs as if all consumers were buying a house or getting a mortgage every month at steeper and steeper prices—which, of course, is not so. Meantime, with or without adjustments, the inflation rate continues to look like 10 percent or higher this year, with maybe some slight pause in food prices.

What Those Tire Gradings Really Mean

All types of tires—bias-ply, bias-belted and radial—now are covered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's grading system and must be labeled accordingly. When you see the following designations, here's what they mean:

Tread Wear: This is rated numerically—up or down—from 100. At 100, a tire presumably will stand up for 30,000 miles. At 110, it will get 10 percent more mileage; at 90, it will get 10 percent less. Don't take these numbers too literally, though. The ratings were made under controlled conditions, which don't always duplicate actual road conditions. The point is that the higher the rating, the better the tire likely will be.

Traction: This is graded alphabetically. "A" means that the tire, in government tests, did well on both concrete and asphalt paving. "B" means it did fine on one surface, but not quite as well on the other. "C" indicates relatively poor performance on both surfaces.

Heat Dissipation: Also graded alphabetically. "A" indicates the tire held up for a half-hour run at speeds of 115 mph; "B" means it held up in the 100-115 mph range, and "C" says it couldn't make 100 mph.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

Barbecue

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peppers and onions are superb. Or you can grill knackwurst with fruit glaze.

If you want to eat hamburgers but shy from the cost, mix them with mashed potatoes, chopped onion and diced green peppers. In my opinion, they are more tasty that way.

To make your barbecue a success, you must have certain equipment, but it need not bankrupt you.

A long plank table with side benches makes for comfortable dining. Then there's the grill, but an inexpensive portable one will do fine. Always have on hand a good supply



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of briquets and a closed can of safe, recommended starter fluid.

You should have at least one long-handled fork, long meat skewers, heavy pot holders or mitts, a pastry brush for brushing meats with butter or sauce, a carving knife for big cuts of meat and a pair of tongs to lift seared meat or hot corn off the grill. Also keep handy an iron skillet for pan broiling and a couple of small pans for melting butter or making sauce. Add a couple of shakers for salt and pepper and you're in business.

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The British Lion and the Russian Bear snarled and occasionally clawed one another across it, but Russia's thrust was east across vast Siberia and not south against the English lifeline. As the Trans-Siberian Railroad was completed, however, Russia became a Pacific naval power. To offset this, the British created and trained the Japanese Navy. Just as the Trans-Siberian Railroad was completed in 1904, the Japanese fleet annihilated the Russian fleet at the Battle of Tshushima Strait, sinking 133 out of 135 Russian warships.

Thus, if for nothing more than revenge, Russia was elated by the fall of Japan in 1945. The Communists instantly filled the great Asiatic power vacuum by taking over China, aided by mistakes in American foreign policy. Meanwhile, Stalin had tested Truman's will to defend the lifeline of the weakened British empire. Truman told Stalin to get out of Iran at war's end, and after some resistance, Stalin did.

Stalin again tested Truman by helping Yugoslavia against Greece. So strong was Truman's resistance that Stalin desisted, feeling Truman

would have gone to war.

But Communist armies massed on Korea, ready to repeat the pattern by which Russia took over Middle Europe. Simultaneously, Stalin tested Truman by cutting off Berlin and moved in support of the fifth column in Korea. Truman met both challenges. But America's will was weakening. For fear of war with Red China, no victory was sought in Korea. Then, the French and Dutch empires in Asia, with heavy assist from fifth columns in Indonesia and Vietnam, collapsed.

A worldwide policy of Communist psychological and guerrilla war directed from the Kremlin was vigorously pursued under the name of "national liberation movements." This war is waged on all continents. Spectacular Communist successes were achieved in the Middle East and in Cuba. Russia substituted herself for Great Britain as the champion of Islam against Israel, pouring billions and billions into the Middle East.



"These young ones are eating us out of nest and tree."

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Despite crushing military defeats by the Israelis, the Russians secured several key Arab states as clients: Algeria, Libya, Syria and Iraq among others. The oil rich states, Iran and Saudi Arabia particularly, looked to American protection.

This vast Russian expansion was made necessary, in part, because Communism as an economic system was an abysmal failure. By contrast, the free world, assisted to its economic feet by the U.S. Marshall Plan, had multiplied its pre war production. In doing so, the free world had also compounded its vulnerability. It

was utterly dependent on the ocean sea lanes. Its industrial production would stop within months if the sea lanes of the supertankers were closed.

Communist economies, however, were in such sad state that they would have collapsed except for the assistance of the free world. Thousands of people were defecting to the West—an Iron Curtain had to be created to prevent the exodus from becoming a stampede of millions.

These global movements came to confrontations in Cuba and Vietnam. Russia, encouraged by Castro's vast success in Cuba, attempted to move in nuclear missiles. Russia, the great land power, was confronted by U.S. sea power off Cuba and backed down; it had to.

Russia stepped up the Vietnam War using its tested technique. As in Korea, the Russian satellite armies exacted huge cost in American lives and treasure with virtually no loss of Russian blood.

Russia won a territorial victory in Vietnam. Much more importantly, the Communists broke the American will to resist their worldwide expansion. The American abdication left a power vacuum throughout the world. The Kremlin was ready to exploit fully the American withdrawal.

They are now such a sea power that top American admirals, including two former U.S. Chiefs of Naval Operations, have declared the U.S. Navy can no longer carry out its mission of keeping the sea lanes open. The Russian Navy's surface tonnage exceeds that of the United States. Its submarine force is five times more numerous than ours, and its land-based bombers, particularly the *Backfire*, can interdict the Atlantic sea lanes from bases in Russia.

Brilliantly, however, the Russians have concentrated on control of the narrow seas. Barring nuclear weapons, they have succeeded. If war were to break out, Russia has massed a fleet in the Baltic, complete with marines, to take over the Baltic outlets. Another battle fleet based in Murmansk, in conjunction with Russia's massed armies in Western Europe, armed with 35,000 tanks alone, fully mobilized and ready to attack on signal, could blitz Western Europe in a few weeks. Russian mobility is such that in 1968, 500,000 Soviet troops overran Czechoslo-

vakia in eight days. Thus, the narrow seas of Europe—the English Channel, the Baltic's channels and the North Sea itself—would be closed almost instantly. The huge Russian Pacific Fleet, based in Vladivostok, could all but instantly blockade Japan. Thus, both ends of the lifeline of the industrial nations are under Russian guns.

But it is at the middle of the English and industrial energy lines that the Russians are making their main thrust, and with Cuba as its base, the Russians have breathtakingly used a Cuban expeditionary force in Africa to accomplish this.

Most crucial of all of the narrow seas is the Strait of Hormuz between the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. It is 30-miles wide; its channel is only eight-miles wide. This channel is to the industrial nations what the aorta is to the human body. It is the main artery. Supertankers move through it on 15-minute headway, 24-hours a day, every day of the week! The Strait of Hormuz, in case of war, is at the mercy of the Russian military. Thousands of Red bombers are an hour's flight away.

This year, emboldened by Castro's huge successes in Africa, Russia, with the help of its fifth column, took over adjoining Afghanistan. The friendly government of the Shah of Iran was taken over by Ayatollah Khomeini, a mortal enemy, who called for a holy war of all Islam against the United States. Pakistan, like Finland, with Russian forces now on its border, submitted to co-existence.

Cuba's spectacular successes in Africa also yielded important land control of the tanker sea lanes. Off the coasts of Cuba-dominated Angola, the supertankers swing north into the Atlantic. Red-oriented Mozambique in the Indian Ocean controls the Mozambique Channel, the south Indian Ocean sea lane. The most important Cuban conquest is that of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa; these with South Yemen give Russia control of the junction of the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean.

Most daring of all is the use of Cuba as a base to take over the Caribbean. Cuba, as a land mass, lies athwart the entrances of the Gulf of Mexico, the Yucatan Channel in the west and the Florida Straits in the

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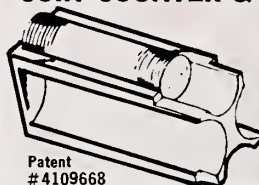


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east. Through the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean come the tankers which supply much of the United States. The Gulf of Mexico is as important to American security as the Great Lakes. From Cuba, Russian warplanes of latest design fly regular missions extending from off the North Carolina coasts to the Straits of Yucatan. Russian surface flotillas cruise off the Texas-Louisiana coast. Russian intelligence trawlers infest the offshore waters of America.

A Russian combat regiment is in Cuba. It is fatuous to suppose that this constitutes a territorial threat to the United States. It is there to give military plausibility to Castro's tremendous effort to take over the Caribbean through Communist fifth columns armed and trained by the Russians in Cuba. The thrust of the Russo-Cuban offensive in the Caribbean is exactly the same as it is in Africa and Islam: to incite the Caribbean populations against the United States to such hatred that the Caribbean will become as untenable to the Americans as Iran, Libya and Iraq.

Great progress has been made by the Kremlin. Jamaica, with Cuba, lies athwart the Windward Passage which controls the main junction of the Caribbean with the Atlantic. For all practical purposes, Jamaica is Castro's ally.

The hostility of the Panamanian people has already resulted in the turning over of the Panama Canal by the United States. The wicked Nicaraguan government of Somoza was overthrown; had he been a Communist, Castro would have upheld him with Russia's help. San Salvador is being destabilized. Grenada and its key waters are inundated with an army of 1,000 Cuban "experts." Guyana, welcomer of pro-Communist Jones of Jonestown, is openly hostile to the United States. Thus, the Caribbean Sea is fast on its way to becoming a Red lake. From a strategic standpoint, it is the key to the sea lanes from the Venezuelan oil fields. Control of these narrow seas is nearly as important to us as control of the English Channel is to Great Britain.

This massive global preponderance by air, sea and land is, nevertheless, only the means by which Russia wages its fierce economic, fi-

nancial and psychological war against us. Its success is such that the last thing in the world the Russians wish is a world war. Why should they? *They are cunningly conquering the world without one, and with loss of less than a battalion of their own Russian forces. Nevertheless, the draw on their own economies is frightful: they would not exist without the trade of their mortal enemies.* Hence, they must have détente to continue their attack on the free world.

Their mortal fear is that the free world will wake up to its deep peril. The Russians well know, having been saved from Hitler by American industrial might, that once awakened, America has the capacity—moral and industrial—to again assume world leadership. They are correct. Actually, American capacity is more than five times that of its wartime peak when it crushed Germany and Japan combined.

Dark as is the hour, and it is very dark indeed, there is still time. Two thousand five hundred years ago, free Athens also faced the tremendous might of Philip of Macedonia. What Demosthenes told the Greeks in 492 B.C. applies to the United States in 1980. Demosthenes, in his famous oration in which he called on Athens to defend itself, declared: "O, Greeks, black as is the peril, you are not defeated. Indeed, your greatest fault has become your greatest asset. Your fault is that you have not bestirred yourselves. Your greatest asset is that, if you do bestir yourselves and build up your defenses, the enemy does not exist who can conquer a free people. You have not been defeated; you are sore pressed because you have not prepared your defenses. If you do, your peril will pass."

Even more cogently, the wisdom of Gen. George Washington after his Yorktown victory is a policy which would rescue America today: "In any operation, and under all circumstances, a decisive naval superiority is to be considered as a fundamental principle and the basis upon which every hope of success must ultimately depend." It won at Yorktown, it won two world wars in the 20th century and, if followed, it will not only win any Third World War, but pray God, it may prevent one. ■

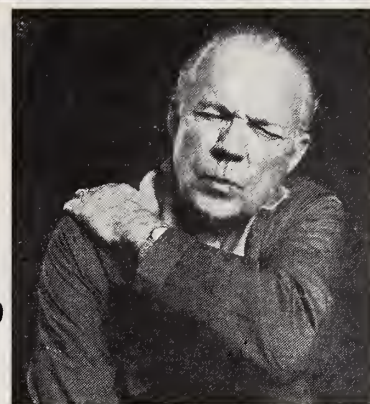
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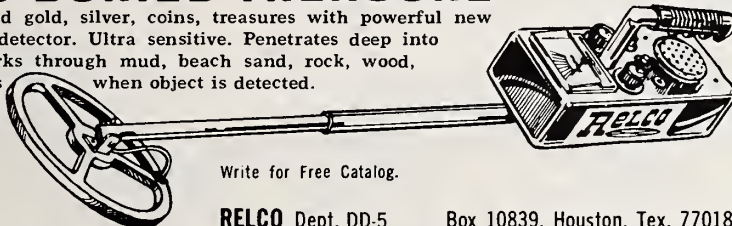
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Richard Nixon was the favorite target of another Democrat, Dick Tuck, who bedeviled Republicans with his outrageous pranks for a quarter of a century. "I remember one Nixon rally," he recently recalled, "where the band leader wanted to play Nixon's favorite song when he arrived. I was only too happy to tell him what it was. And, as candidate Nixon confidently strolled in, the band started playing 'Mack the Knife.'"

But vote-getting vaudeville acts haven't been confined to Presidential contests alone. Back in pre-Alamo days, Davy Crockett rather underhandedly managed to get himself elected to Congress by taking advantage of his opponent's wooden leg. Campaigning together, Crockett and Adam "Peg-leg" Huntsman stopped overnight at the home of an influential farmer who was backing Huntsman with a solid block of votes. During the night, after everyone had retired, Crockett arose, picked up a chair and crept stealthily down the hallway to the room where the farmer's daughter slept. He then pretended to force the door.

When the sleeping girl awakened with a scream, Crockett, holding firmly onto the chair, fled with one foot on the lower rung which made it sound like the thump of a wooden leg. The irate farmer, in spite of Huntsman's protestations of innocence, angrily accused him of trying to molest his daughter and swung his considerable support to Crockett, who won the election.

President Calvin Coolidge liked to tell about a quick-thinking campaigner who was running for office after serving a prison term. When he made his first appearance on the platform, a man in the audience

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at the polls to Reynolds' complete satisfaction.

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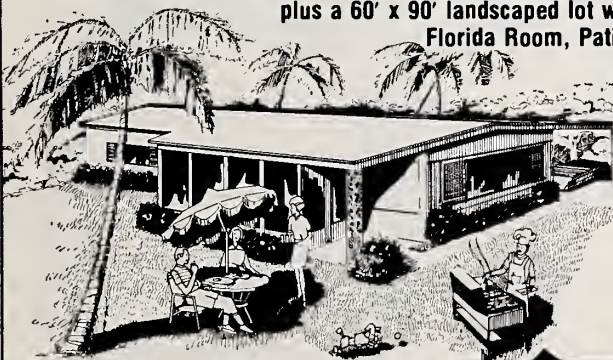
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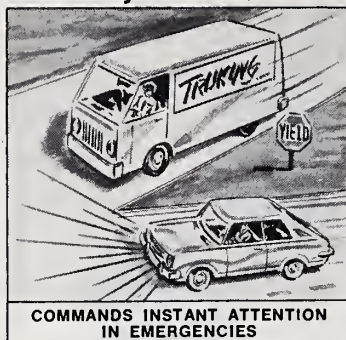
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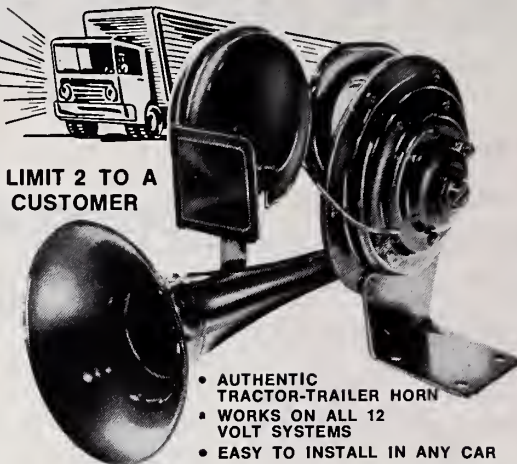
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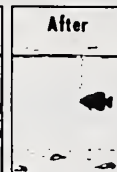
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That was how I found my men about 0200 hours—after spending a long, cold, three hours watching the beach with Colonel Grace.

The colonel and I explained to the lieutenant who we were and I asked, "Weren't you people notified about our landing last night?"

"No, Captain, but I know Colonel Grace and I believe your story. If you'll phone New London, I'll talk to them and get it all settled. Then I can call off the FBI."

Colonel Grace was upset that his Headquarters had failed to alert everyone concerned and apologized to me and the police lieutenant. I got the New London duty officer on the phone and explained what had happened. He talked to the police lieutenant and told him he would send a Navy officer and truck down to identify us and to carry us back.

While waiting for the truck, I asked the police lieutenant why he had accused my men of being German saboteurs.

"Captain," he explained, "I wish I could tell you the complete story but the matter has been classified by the FBI. We were just carrying out our orders."

At 1100 hours the next morning, June 29, we boarded the train for New York and Chesapeake Bay. Imagine our delight when an amphibious team member, Corporal Rosenberg, bought a copy of the *New York Times* and we read the following under a two-inch headline:

"FBI SEIZES 8 GERMAN SABOTEURS LANDED BY GERMAN U-BOAT TO BLOW UP U.S. WAR PLANTS"

"... under cover of a foggy night a German submarine came within 500 yards of Long Island, rubber boats were put over the side and German agents rowed ashore . . . all the German agents had lived in the U.S. and carried no identification. . . discovered by a young Coast Guardsman . . ."

We laughed uproariously. It seemed to us that our escapade had

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completely fooled the press. They really thought we were Germans! Apart from the fact that we were Americans, the story was a fairly accurate account of *our* landing. What a story we had to tell our buddies when we returned home!

However, the story had still another twist, and we learned what had really happened and why we were under suspicion. We obtained the facts from a copy of *TIME* magazine, July 6, 1942, while aboard a troop transport.

"WAR OF NERVES"

"... under the shroud of fog the four men paddled quietly toward shore. The submarine which had brought them in turned its nose again to the open sea, vanished into the Atlantic... the beach where the four men landed was a stretch of sand half hidden by high grass and low rolling dunes of Long Island... they worked fast... gingerly buried a number of wooden boxes... finally buried the collapsible rubber boat itself, covered everything with sand... (the men) were trained Nazi saboteurs, exported from Germany... they all spoke English and had spent many years in the U.S.... such was the Hollywood thriller which startled newspaper readers this week (when the episode was released by Hoover, Chief of the FBI)... the invaders had not lasted long... before they had time to start their operation, they had been captured..."

It finally dawned on us! Some genuine Germans had made a landing on American soil shortly before we did. Now we understood the actions of the state police and the Coast Guard. The FBI had blacked-out the story so the police had been unable to explain their actions to us that night. What if we had run into those Germans? They were armed and we were not. But we are proud that we almost became the first American soldiers to make contact with the Germans in WW II.

As a postscript to the foregoing, my team did make the landing in Morocco in November, crossing the Atlantic aboard the U.S. submarine *Barb*. This time, undetected. ■

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Investments That Fight Inflation

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tax. A person who gives away stock that has risen in value pays no capital gains tax on the increase. Also, federal law permits an individual to give away cash or property valued at up to \$3,000 each year without payment of a gift tax. If a spouse concurs, the tax-free limit is \$6,000 to as many recipients as desired.

Financial gifts of various sorts are made relatively simple by laws in each state called Uniform Gifts to Minors Acts. They permit the giver or any other eligible custodian to manage and invest assets for a young person until the age of majority—generally from 18 to 21, depending on state law.

The following true story by a now-retired banker in upstate New York shows how an annual gift of stock can counteract the effects of inflation over a period of years:

"I have two grandchildren, a boy who just graduated from Yale and a girl who is a junior at Miami University," the banker explains. "When each child was born, my wife and I gave them \$2,500 in stock we had bought years earlier and in which we had a good profit. We continued those \$2,500 annual gifts for three more years until each grandchild had a nest egg of \$10,000 earmarked especially for an education.

"When the children were ready for college, each had a fund that had grown to \$40,000—the result of rising prices for their stocks and the reinvestment of dividends over the years. When the children were young, \$10,000 would have seen each of them through four years of college. Today, the cost is in the high \$30,000 bracket. My wife and I take great satisfaction that we started them on the road to a program that has given them each an education, and impressed on them the virtues of consistent, long-term investing."

Be patient; invest for the long pull.

One of the country's most successful investment counselors is David L. Babson, who until his retirement a couple of years ago headed his own financial management firm in Boston. He sums up his investment philosophy this way: "I try never to buy a stock that I'll have to sell. Or, to put it another way, I try to concentrate on quality stocks in growing industries. Then if I've chosen wisely,

I can count on the momentum of the economy to carry the stocks forward." The results, he adds, can be counted on to counteract inflationary increases in consumer prices.

Babson notes that the individual who tries to profit by jumping in and out of a stock—trying to buy it low and sell it high—is only compounding his chances for error. "He's not investing, he's gambling," in the Babson view.

"You don't have to outsmart everybody else to have good investment results in the stock market," he continues. "Buying superior companies with superior characteristics and holding them on a long-term basis may never produce spectacular short-term results, but it is certain to give you above-average long-term results. At times, your short-term results may be terrible. But if you stay on your own road and don't go de-touring with the crowd into and out of every rainbow fad that comes along, your long-term results will be okay."

To back up his comments that picking good stocks and holding them can provide superior results, Babson tells this story:

"Almost three decades ago—in 1951—we picked 10 companies that had what we considered excellent growth characteristics: strong demand for their products; low labor costs; high profit margins; readily-available raw materials; ability to raise prices without much resistance.

"We have followed that group of stocks closely, year-by-year. The record shows that \$1,000 invested in each of these stocks in 1950—\$10,000 in all—would have grown to more than \$130,000 [today] and that doesn't count an additional \$58,000 of dividend income over the years."

The companies on that favored-10 list are these: Abbott Laboratories, Celanese, Corning Glass, Dow Chemical, Eastman Kodak, Exxon, Gulf Oil, IBM, Minnesota Mining, and Union Carbide.

It's important to note, Babson comments, that not all these companies have done equally well in terms of market action. Some lagged behind the market as a whole. Others gained a bit more than the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Three had spectacular increases.

"I'd expect this group or any

similar group to follow much the same pattern in the future," he notes. "Out of any 10 stocks one might pick, one or two will have difficulties, several won't make much progress, three or four will do fairly well and two or three will perform so fantastically that the average performance of the group as a whole will be outstanding."

Common stocks of growing companies usually stand a better chance of keeping ahead of inflation than do fixed-income investments, because stocks represent ownership interests, not debt, according to Standard & Poor's Corporation. United Business Service adds, "One of the best means of keeping ahead of inflation is owning the shares of companies which raise their dividends often and by goodly amounts."

Many quality stocks also tend to move higher in price as their earnings and dividends improve. This gives the investor an opportunity to cash in his shares at some future time, and pay the lower capital gains rate on the profit.

Monte Gordon, vice president and director of research for Dreyfus Corporation, New York, makes this case for owning high-grade common stocks as a means of keeping ahead of the inflationary spiral:

"Even if we are fortunate enough to get inflation down to a seven or eight percent rate, that's still a historically-high figure. It has to be offset to some degree by capital appreciation, not just by current yield. There's always the possibility that the inflation rate will move higher. Every investor needs some sort of built-in protection through owning shares in companies that have a record of increasing their earnings and their dividends consistently over a period of years."

Retired people, particularly, can't afford to neglect the growth-stock area, he says. "We have to assume that even if inflation moves down from its recent double-digit rate, it will nevertheless continue to be a factor eroding the dollar's value."

A painless way to build up investments in stocks for the long-term is to participate in dividend-reinvestment programs.

More than 900 companies now offer such plans to their shareholders. Generally, the shareholder pays a

small service fee to have his dividends reinvested in more stock rather than be paid out to him in cash. Some 70 companies, mostly utilities, make no service charge at all and at least 40 offer the added inducement of a five percent discount from market prices.

Many firms also permit shareholders to chip in a cash payment of their own—as much as \$3,000 to \$5,000 each reinvestment period—to buy a larger number of shares. This procedure saves brokerage commissions.

Diversify—but be wary.

Guidelines for investors traditionally warn against putting all of one's financial eggs in a single basket. That precept is especially valid at a time when spiraling inflation can knock the props from under some kinds of investments. The ideal portfolio should be balanced among stocks, bonds, real estate and perhaps tax-sheltered holdings, such as municipal bonds, for people in top income brackets.

One experienced counselor tells his clients, "Never, no matter how much you like an investment, put more than five percent of your total assets into it. If it goes well, your stake will build up over the years. If it goes sour, you won't be hurt too much."

However, experts also caution against diversifying so widely that it's impossible to keep track of what one owns. "If you can't keep an eye on any particular security or other asset, you'd better sell it," says one money manager.

How about real estate as a means of investment diversification, particularly in an era of inflation? That area has attraction, but people need to use more-than-ordinary care at this particular time.

Says Jack Reed, editor of *Real Estate Investing Letter*, "The recession makes it imperative to structure financing of any real estate transaction in such a way that if the business downturn is prolonged you can still meet mortgage and other interest payments.

"Also, real estate in the past four years has been the darling of investors and that has pushed prices high in relation to the yield on such investments. It's more difficult these

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days, for instance, to buy rental property that you can make pay off in terms of cash flow."

In years past, rental housing—single family homes, small apartment buildings—have been good inflation hedges. So have commercial buildings and resort and recreation property. While any new pinch on gasoline supplies will take some of the luster from vacation cottages and waterfront resorts, experts view such property as good for capital gains over the long run since there is a limited supply.

Undeveloped land or farm property held for potential development often brings in no current income and can be influenced by the hazards of zoning and changing population patterns.

Lately, as inflation has pushed up prices of tangible assets, many people have attempted to diversify their investments by going into collectibles. The range of such objects is vast: diamonds and other gemstones, silverware, ceramics, oriental rugs, antique furniture, rare books, photographs, paintings. A recent study by the New York investment banking firm of Salomon Brothers comments that Americans have begun to develop "a more typically European response to inflation which manifests itself in a fascination with all forms of tangible assets."

The federal government has recognized the swing to offbeat investments. A new regulation by the U.S. Department of Labor dealing with investment of pension-fund money mentions art, precious metals and collectibles, among other things, as "possibly suitable for investment."

While the record shows that some individuals have made alluring profits in offbeat collectibles, the market is fraught with pitfalls. Here is how Dawn Schultz, writer of the investment newsletter *Exodus*, describes the current outlook:

"All collectibles, with the exception of precious metals and real estate, are in approximately the same type of market atmosphere as existed prior to 1929 in the stock market. There is little or no regulation, no SEC to intervene. The dealers in collectibles are in fact the counterparts of stockbrokers, but their credentials are not regulated in the way brokers are.

"There are, indeed, a number of perfectly reputable dealers, even small dealers, who are honest. But any area as unregulated as this must, by definition, attract the hard-selling, fly-by-night hucksters who will either go out of business before the sale is complete (between the time you pay your money and they deliver) or who simply sell fakes."

Experts say the best way to invest in tangibles is to have a genuine interest in a particular group of collector's items—rare coins, stamps or antiques, for instance. In such cases, the joy of collecting plus knowledge gained from study can make specialized investments worthwhile.

Among the ground rules for making offbeat investments are these:

- Deal only with reputable dealers and brokers.
- Specialize in one particular category; don't try to cover the whole market.
- Steer away from nostalgia and fads. Examples of the latter are baseball cards, dolls, old comic books, glassware made in the Depression years of the 1930s.
- Put only a limited portion of your capital into "hard" assets.
- Look for quality. The items you buy should be not merely good, but in "mint condition."
- Decide where your collection is to be stored; be prepared to insure it against loss.
- Be realistic about appreciation possibilities. What you bought at retail you may have to sell at wholesale. Don't expect to get the price offered in dealers' catalogs.

Check your progress regularly.

Every investment program needs to be reviewed and updated, and that's particularly the case in a period of sharply rising living costs.

Some financial advisers tell clients who own stocks to take a look at their portfolios once each year. That can provide an opportunity to sell the weakest security on the list and replace it with one whose prospects are brighter.

"Some people fall in love with their stocks," a Chicago investment counselor declares. "They don't want to sell for sentimental reasons. That attitude has no place in a sound investment program." An investment should be sold when it is no longer

doing the job it was intended to do when it was bought.

Investments also should be measured periodically against one's "financial personality." Every individual has temperamental and emotional traits that affect his attitude on how and where to invest. Some people are born gamblers, others conservative savers. If a once-a-year check-up of your assets finds that you're nervous about a holding, you'll rest more easily by selling it or switching to another asset with which you feel more comfortable.

Get expert advice.

This includes the willingness to pay for professional guidance when you feel it is needed. Many people with substantial assets try to save money by managing their own investments. Often this works for those who have both depth of experience and plenty of spare time. But most people who are busy earning a day-to-day living can save in the long run by turning to full-time professional counselors for assistance. Such professionals include tax attorneys, certified public accountants, investment counselors, financial planners, real estate authorities, and experienced stock and bond dealers.

Many individuals with neither the time nor disposition to watch over their investments prefer to invest in mutual funds which are under continual professional management.

The latest trend in the fund field is to invest in funds that belong to a "family" operated by the same investment managers. Thus as needs change, an individual can switch, for example, from a growth stock fund to an income fund or from a money market fund to a corporate bond fund.

For do-it-yourself investors, subscriptions to investments services and to financial publications can be worth the cost. Most brokerage firms offer, at no charge, access to their libraries and to a wide range of services and reports.

Following the rules outlined above will not catapult today's investors into the millionaire class. But they can help cut down on the inevitable hazards and headaches that accompany the working out of an investment program designed to offset, to the greatest extent possible, today's inflationary environment. ■

Commander's Message

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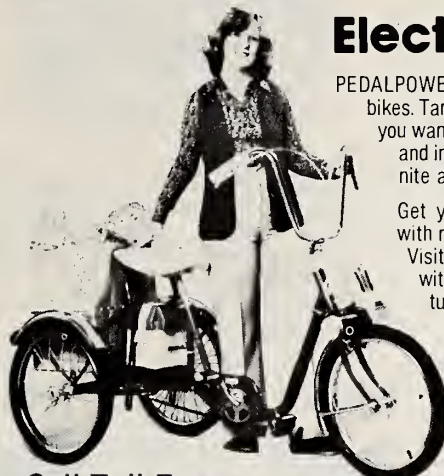
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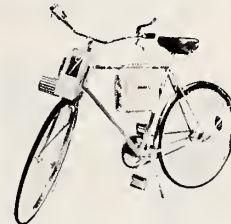
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"But my comrades," he pleaded, "who is the judge as to what our attitude is on some of those policies? ... (F)rom Maine to California, the Department officials will vary as to what their attitude is going to be on many questions, and that is going to be our situation (too) ... Our constitution says we are non-political. Go no further. I think that is sufficient. ..."

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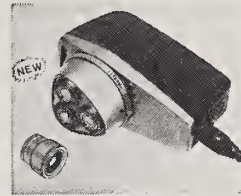
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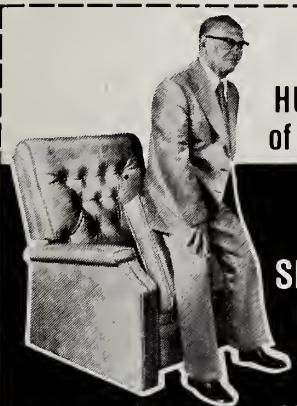
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Sardine Song?

There are six in our car pool
And though we try to be at ease,
We're discovering what is meant
By the energy squeeze!

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Do Not Bleach

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Wishful Thinking

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Job Appreciation: Imagining yourself without it.

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Burning Issue?

I have this recurring nightmare,
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—HENRY IRISH

Here Comes the Sun

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It sets the natives agog.
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Speed Reading: An old-timer remembers when an auto bumper wasn't meant to be read.

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April High

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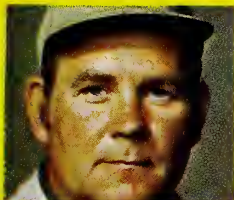
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